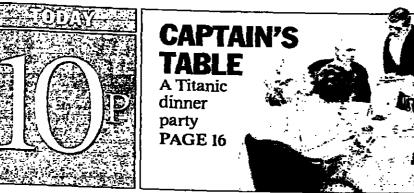
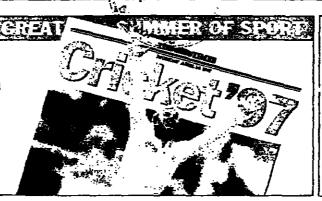
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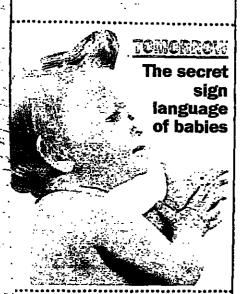


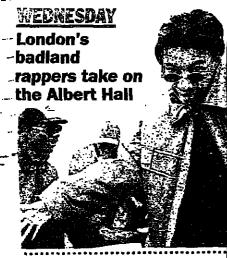
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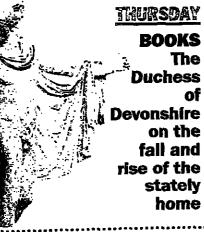
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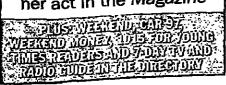


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Blair seeks to inject passion and vision

By Philip Webster, political editor, and James Landale

TONY BLAIR yesterday signalled a dramatic shift of gear in the Labour election campaign aimed at injecting 'nassion, vision and conviction" into a battle that he claims has been marred by negative strategies and "media

In what will be seen as a response to the reduction of Labour's lead in the opinion polls and a rash of weekend newspaper headlines alleging "wobbles" in the party's campaign. Mr Blair let it be known yesterday that he intended to take the election by the 'scruff of the neck" and "make it come

Senior aides of the Labour leader yesterday attacked the BBC for its coverage of the campaign, claiming that it had been happy to see it turned into a "tit-for-tat slanging match". They added that Mr Biair was keen to take part in the election debate with John Major proposed by The Times.

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that Mr Blair was "relaunching" the Labour campaign as a result of the Conservatives'success in reducing its lead. However, it was clear that he has ordered a change of strategy to counter the damaging Tory attack on alleged Labour U-turns on privatisation, the unions and devolution. At one point vesterday Mr Blair referred to the need to break through a "news blackout" on positive policies.

It was also reported by Labour sources that Mr Blair intended to "rise above the Tory gutter" from today, and that he would be making more off-thecuff speeches and taking part in more question-and-answer sessions with

Labour's shift of tactics overshadowed a sustained Tory attack yesterday on John Prescott over remarks in a newspaper interview - hotly disputed by the Labour deputy leader - that the minimum wage would cost jobs in the short-term. Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, described the remarks in The Sunday Times as the "defining moment" in the campaign. saying it proved that Labour could not be trusted. Mr Prescott had been quoted as saying that politicians could not tell all the truth all the time.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secre tary, said: "John Prescott has exposed Labour's deceit. Believing that he was speaking in private, Mr Prescott has admitted that a minimum wage would cause higher unemployment," he said. The deputy leader said, however, that he had been referring to the situation five years ago.

Mr Blair, campaigning in Milton Keynes, issued a warning that voters were being turned off by politicians "knocking" each other. He unveiled a series of "positive" posters highlighting the party's pledges on unemployment crime and education. During a speech in the Midlands today he will try to reinforce the message that "the Tories are negative, we are positive" by setting out Labour's detailed education pro-gramme. He will speak of the need to raise standards rather than tinkering with structures".

Mr Blair will pledge to modernise the comprehensive principle so that it is tailored to the needs of individuals. He will also confirm Labour's plans for 300 new specialist schools to become beacons of excellence" by linking up

The ferocity of Labour's remarks about the alleged negative campaigning raised speculation at Westminster last night that the party may be finding in its private polling that some of the attacks on Mr Blair have been hitting their target. Mr Blair's aides accused the BBC of "boring" viewers. By following the Tories' negative agenda. Labour said the BBC had limited its coverage to politicians "slagging each other off" in every bulletin.

Mr Blair said: "What this campaign should be about are the things that are really concerning people in this country, not just one set of politicians knocking another set of politicians."

The Tories claimed it was clear that Labour campaign strategists had been badly rattled. Dr Mawhinney said Mr Blair was relaunching his campaign for the third time and the Labour leader was "starting to crack up".



When times are difficult, sir can always pretend he's a Chesterfield supporter



Battle for Britain all over again

By BEN MACINTYRE

iN a strange amaigam of patriotism and paranoia, history and hysteria, the Referendum Party staged an election rally at Alexandra Palace in London yesterday, which Sir James Goldsmith, its leader, called "more of a jamboree than a conference".

But if the mood was outwardly festive, the rhetoric was more aggressive than anything seen so far in this election campaign. At what organisers said was a crowd of nearly 10,000 people and described by Lord McAlpine as "the largest political rally this country has seen since the war", the call for a fresh war against European domination

rose up time and again.

As each of the party's notables took to the podium — Sir James, ecologist David Bellamy, Sir George Gardiner, zoo-keeper John Aspinall, and actor Edward Fox among them - the European Union, or "the German-dominated super State", was depicted as the greatest threat to British sovereignty since, variously, the Spanish Armada, the Norman Conquest and the Luftwaffe.

The first speaker, Bryan Slater, a solicitor and Party candidate, set the tone in a speech that compared Brussels to the KGB, evoked George Orwell's 1984 and

pean "brainwashing", "snivelling, silky-tongued lawyers' and the craven media.

who is not polite, friendly, and

Thereafter the references to dictatorship, battle, God and sacrifice piled up. Though I have yet to meet a Referendum Party supporter

balanced, the faithful took on a different, more disquieting aspect at the rally. Middleclass, middle-England, galvanised by a single, identi-fiable, hated enemy was not always an attractive spectacle. Jokes about attaching elec-trodes to Edward Heath, that would not evoke a smirk in the lowest bar, met howls of

We fought off the Spaniards, when we had to we fought off the French, at their snarled, looking distinctly dangerous himself.

Sir George Gardiner's theme was identical: "This

most powerful, when we had to, we twice fought off mighty Germany, when we had to . . to allow further erosion of our sovereignty without taking the vital precaution of asking the nation for permission is - in a word - madness, dangerous madness," John Aspinall

century a million Britons have given their lives so that our island should remain free ... did they die for nothing? ... you will never find me selling that birthright for a mess of potage au feu and saukraut."

Winston Churchill, but produced an impressive imitation of him. Echoing Sir Winston, Mr Fox gravelled out that, as before, we must "never lessen our vigilance and resolve until an aggressor [has] been conquered and Europe released

from tyranny and horror". For a moment when an excitable, bearded man took the stage and began habbling incomprehensibly and hurling his arms about, I thought that the Referendum Party had allowed one of those dangerous foreigners to put another view. In fact, it was David Bellamy, who is standing against John Major in Huntingdon, railing against ecological damage being wrought in the name of

Europe. There was no evil for which the Brussels bureaucracy presented on video to the accompaniment of The Ride of the Valkyries - could not be blamed, from preventing an Englishman from selling a bag of apples to fresh legislation on driving tests. When the

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Marathon sprint beats McColgan

By JOHN GOODBODY SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

LIZ McCOLGAN, Britain's premier long-distance runner, was vesterday outsprinted over the last five yards of the Flora London Marathon by Joyce Chepchumba — the Kenyan she kept in second place last year in the closest women's race in the 17-

year history of the event. Although suffering from a stomach upset, McColgan fought her way to the front and led Chepchumba past Buckingham Palace only to be edged out by one second in a hectic finish along the Mall. Nevertheless she achieved a personal best of 2hr 26min 52sec. McColgan, 32, who once compet-

ed with a broken kneecap, said

afterwards: "This is the first time I have ever had any stomach trouble in a race. I only drank half of what I usually do." The men's race was won by An-

tonio Pinto of Portugal, who set a course record of 2hr 07min 55sec. More than 29,000 competitors had started the race - a record for any marathon - amid the tightest security yet for the event after a bomb scare caused the post-ponement of last week's Grand National. About half a million

people, including the Prime Minis-

ter, lined the route.

The sunny, but not too hot weather produced perfect conditions for the runners; only 150 were treated by hospitals or the St John Ambulance Brigade. But a man in

his forties died of a heart attack - the annual race's fifth such victim. The runners, many wearing fancy-dress, raised an estimated

condemned, in turn, Euro-

£10 million for charity, Funrunners included a man dressed as Batman and another as a jester and there was the usual team dressed as a rhino to raise money to help to preserve the endangered animals. Among the celebrity entries was

leremy Bates, Britain's former No I tennis player, who completed the course in 3hr 47min. He said: "It was probably the worst experience of my life. I hit the wall at 18-20 miles. I was still a long way out and I have never felt so bad."

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Chesterfield to fight again

Chesterfield just failed to become the first club outside the top two divisions to reach the FA Cup Final, when were held 3-3 by Middlesbrough. Chelsea beat Wimbledon in the other semi-final ... Page 25

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Sixteen face court

after dockers' rally

Sixteen people will appear in court today after violence broke out when a rally in support of sacked dockers was

hijacked by the environmental group Reclaim the Streets. They face charges including affray, violent disorder and criminal damage after disturbances in Whitehall and

Trafalgar Square in which protesters fought running battles with police. Officers guarding the entrance to Downing Street were pelted with bottles.

A woman, aged 28, has been bailed to return to Walworth

police station on May 16 to answer questions in relation to an alleged conspiracy to murder. She was held after a lorry was allegedly driven at speed towards police lines. Three other people detained in connection with the incident in Trafalgar Square have been released without charge. Eight of the 16 detained during the disturbances will appear at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court. Among the eight appearing at Bow Street Magistrates' Court is Arthur

Pendragon, 42, of Farnborough, who was charged with being in possession of a 3ft broadsword.

Severed-leg boy 'critical'

A boy whose legs were severed by a train was on a life-

support machine last night. The condition of Nathan Stevens, who was injured on his ninth birthday, was

described as critical but stable. The boy, from Kenfig Hill,

near Bridgend, is believed to have tripped and fallen onto

the Swansea-London main line while playing with his brother and friends on Friday. British Transport Police

Lakeside gets private jail

A site near one of Britain's biggest indoor shopping destinations, the Lakeside centre at Thurrock in Essex, has

been chosen by the prison service to build a jail holding at least 800 male offenders (Richard Ford writes). One of six

being designed, financed and managed by private industry,

the jail is needed to deal with the increase in offenders

being jailed in London and the northern Home Counties. The site was formerly a coal-fired power station.

A 14-year-old boy and a man have been charged with mans-

laughter after the body of George Tripp, 27. an Irish

financial controller from Didsbury, was pulled from Rochdale canal on Saturday. The boy from Longsight,

Manchester, who has not been named, and Colin McDonald, 26, of Levenshulme, Manchester, will appear before Manchester City Magistrates today. Mr Tripp worked for a law firm in the city.

Boy accused of killing

and Railtrack are investigating.

Sight of families being forced out reawakens memories of start of Troubles

Catholics flee their homes as loyalists riot in Belfast

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

EIGHT Roman Catholic families were forced to flee their homes in north Belfast over the weekend after they were ransacked by rioting loyalists. In scenes reminiscent of the

early days of the Troubles. when hundreds of families were burnt out of their homes, drunken loyalists smashed doors and ripped out fittings from houses along the Limestone Road on Saturday night.
As the rioters shouted sectarian abuse, parents and young children hurriedly

gathered together their belongings before rushing to friends and relatives. Two houses were wrecked and a further six were extensively damaged. Gerard Crossin, who was one of the last Catholics to leave, said: "At one point we went out of the back door and tried to stand there. But that was not safe and so we ran to the front. But there were two men at the

front door with cudgels.". Trouble flared on Saturday evening when 200 Protestants and Catholics clashed in Alexandra Park in North Belfast. As gangs threw bottles and hurled abuse, a group of loyalists ran up to the Catholic area and ransacked vulnera-

By Michael Hornsby

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A TORY government, if re-elected,

will block future constitutional

change in the European Union until

Spanish and other foreign-owned

fishing boats are taken off the British

Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minis-

ter, will also tell his EU colleagues in

Luxembourg today that the Govern-

Police in riot gear and

armed soldiers eventually broke up the rioters and dispersed the loyalists into the Tiger's Bay area. As the loyalists were forced away, a rioter threw a brick through a window, showering a living room with glass and narrowly

loyalists of orchestrating the attacks. Gerry Kelly, the convicted IRA bomber who is standing for Sinn Fein in north Belfast in the election. said: "The Catholic community of north Belfast is fearful that it is going to endure again

1969 was the picture of families loading their belongings into lorries from the charted

The rioting highlighted the gulf which has opened up between Catholics and Protestants since the disturbances of last summer. Protestant and Catholic gangs have regularly clashed in Alexandra Park.

long as any foreign "quota-hoppers"
— foreign-owned boats which fly a

British flag of convenience — remain

in business. EU fisheries ministers

will be asked to accept cuts of up to 30

per cent in catches of the most

depleted stocks, such as cod and haddock, over the next four years, move that would hit British fisher-

"I will be making quite clear to my

men particularly hard.

ment will not implement any cuts allow the inter-governmental confer-

agreed in the size of fish catches so ence to conclude in June until the

missing a ten-month-old baby. Sinn Fein last night accused

all of the horrors people experienced last summer in the wake of Drumcree." The disturbances will heighten tensions throughout Northern Ireland because the sight of Catholic families fleeing their homes strikes a nerve in the nationalist community. One of the main factors which intensified the Troubles in

wreckage of their homes.



Mary Boyd, 75, yesterday after the attack on her home in Belfast. Despite the violence, she refuses to leave

which is in the heart of the had little trouble in infiltrating hardline north Belfast area where Protestants and Catholies live close to one another.

In July last year, at the height of the disturbances over the Orange parade at Drumcree, Co Armagh, at least ten Catholic families were forced out of their homes by rioting loyalists in the Torrens area of north Belfast. The area suffered the highest number of deaths during the Troubles because republican

and loyalist terrorists often

fellow ministers that we will not could be adopted by qualified major-

rival areas.

Noel Quigley, a resident who witnessed the disturbances, said that north Belfast faced enormous difficulties in controlling sectarian tensions. He said: This is an interface area. There is continuous trouble because the two communities live side by side, cheek by jowl. It is a very hard area to

A loyalist politician jailed in Scotland for a gun-running

issue of quota-hoppers is resolved." Mr Baldry said. "Over 150 boats,

mainly owned by Spanish and Dutch

interests, are now on our register and

account for 26 per cent of the British

fleet by tonnage. They fish against

our quota and land their catch in -

their own ports; making no contribu-

agreement to reduce fish catches

ity voting today, overriding Britain's

wishes. But he said this would not

Mr Baldry accepted that an EU

tion to our economy at all."

prison in Northern Ireland. Lindsay Robb, a former member of the fringe loyalist Pro-gressive Unionist Party multiparty talks team, was sentenced to ten years for his part in an Ulster Volunteer Force scheme to smuggle guns

Last Wednesday he was switched to Maghaberry Prison in Co Antrim in what was described by the Prison Service as a temporary move. It is believed Robb, 30, is the first loyalist to be given such a

quently removed from the register,

since that alone would reduce the size

of the British fleet by a quarter. John

Major is expected to reaffirm that

there can be no agreement at the

inter-governmental conference un-

meets fishermen on the campaign

Mr Baldry added: "We cannot just

confiscate the legitimately acquired

licences of these foreign-owned boats.

so there will have to be discussion at

from Liverpool to Ulster.

transfer home. Several lead ing IRA men have previously

been given transfers.

☐ Police seized a Barret Light .50 rifle and an AK47 rifle in an anti-terrorist operation in the hardline republican area of South Armagh on Friday. The Barret rifle is believed to be the weapon used in a series of IRA sniper attacks along the border. In the most recent attack Lance Bombardier Stephen Restorick was shot in Bessbrook, Co Armagh, in

the next stage of the IGC about how

these vessels are going to be bought

retary, said in a statement yesterday:

"The IGC will not come to a

successful conclusion unless we are

objectives - the problem of quota

A previous attempt by the British

government to end the system was

declared illegal by the European

hopping is resolved satisfactorily".

Malcolm Rifleind, the Foreign Sec-

Parker Bowles's new role Tories pledge action against 'quota-hopping' trawlers

Camilla Parker Bowles, 48, will take her first big step into the limelight today when she is installed as the patron of the National Osteoporosis Society. Her backing for the charity has been seen as the first stage in an attempt to raise her profile after the admission by the Prince of Wales that they were having an affair. Mrs Parker Bowles has already been involved in one public event, in September 1995, when she hosted a party to raise £10,000 for the society.

Beef dressed as lamb

More than four in ten samples of lamb and pork mince contain beef, according to trading standards officers. Many shoppers buy other minced meats because of fears that BSE can be passed to humans who eat beef. Beef used to have nearly the entire market share of mince. The contamination, which was discovered in 43 per cent of samples taken from butchers and shops in nearly 30 local authority areas, breaches the Trade Descriptions Act.

Television blackout

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Television viewers in the south and west of Ireland have been deprived of BBC and ITV by a Dublin court ruling against "deflector groups" who had been picking up British channels on masts in Ireland and retransmitting them into rural areas for minimal fees for 20 years. Choice is now confined to RTE, the state broadcasting network.
The case was brought by MMDS Television which has a licence to charge for distributing the signals.

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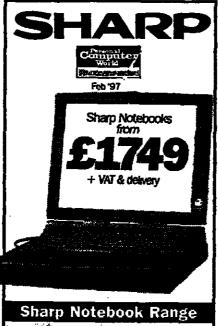
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£100m scheme to reboot missiles

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By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THOUSANDS of miniaturised computers inside missiles and other modern weapon systems are having to be reprogrammed by the Ministry of Defence to overcome problems relating to the mil-lennium date-change. All the computers have to be

altered, at an estimated cost of £100 million, to ensure they can recognise the year 2000. The date-change has already been called the biggest manmade disaster to hit the information technology industry but the scale of the problem facing the MoD is just begin-

ning to emerge.

The MoD has 32 months and 17 days to prevent the Armed Services' weapon systems, from the Royal Navy's Trident missiles to the RAF's Paveway guided bombs, from becoming obselete.

The correct date is a vital element of the data fed into all the advanced computerised weapon systems. MoD officials said that unless the computers recognised 2000, none of the missiles would work. The systems would just crash," one MoD official said.

Like other computers, the MoD's systems have been developed to use only two digits for the year. The year 1997 is represented by the digits 97. When the new millennium begins, computers will focus as usual on the last two digits, 00 and many will interpret that as 1900. rather than 2000.

Officials said computers would think that all dates past December 1999 were 100 years ago. MoD staff have been warned that unless the computers are fixed or replaced. they will fail either by rejecting legitimate entries or by computing erroneous results, or they will just not run at all. Every owner of a computer will face the same problem.

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Battle for Britain

Continued from page I PA system briefly died, we knew who to blame: "Are you Brussels technicians?" de-manded Robin Page, farmer, broadcaster and yesterday's chief rabble-rouser.

If German dictatorship was the main theme, then other unseen ghosts also hovered over the assembly: Sir Laurens Van Der Post, the late writer, thinker and Conservative who, it was asserted, would have supported the party had he lived. More

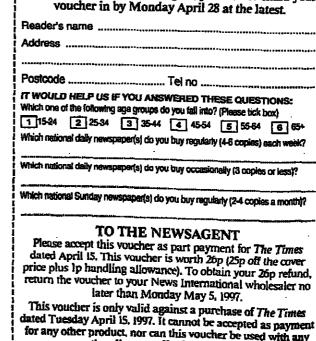
Goldsmith: speech left

signally, there was Margaret Thatcher, "cast aside" by her own party, in the words of

Lord McAlpine. Even the official song, which ought to have been hilarious, was grumpy: "A thousand years of sovereign rule - offered up on behalf of all - no questions asked nor permission sought — without a word or second thought." "Ooh, ooh, ooh," they sang. "let the people decide."

By contrast, Sir James's address appeared measured and soft-voiced, with only a few references to "the authoritarian yoke of an unelected Brussels bureaucracy". At the end of his speech, the crowd seemed subdued, almost disappointed, as Sir James left to the strains of the theme tune from The Mission. As the faithful streamed out

waving purple flags and enthused by purple rhetoric. I found myself wondering at the choice of the party's official colour. Surely this was not Burgundy? But if one halfclosed the eyes, the throng reflected the unmistakable shade of bloodshot.



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It was instinct, says ex-policeman

Britons jump on grenade blast to protect wives

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A GRENADE thrown into a VIP restaurant seemed certain to cause massive injury until two Britons both took a splitsecond decision to act as a human shield against the blast. John Bown and Blair Davies dived forward to pro-

Last night the two former police officers were being treated for serious shrapnel wounds as the authorities counted the cost of a series of terrorist attacks at targets in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The injuries at the Blue Tops restaurant are thought to have been limited because of the courage of the two men.

Speaking from their hospi-tal beds, they described how they saw the grenade being thrown near their table. Mr Bown said: "We instinctively threw ourselves at the explosive to protect our wives from serious injuries." Mr Davies added: "Our injuries are painful, but not life-threatening. Thank God our wives escaped

They are in Ethiopia working for a private consultancy contracted by the Overseas Development Adminstration to train the Ethiopian police force. They were among three British couples sitting in the main dining area in the restaurant opposite the National

Their wives escaped with minor injuries. Another former police officer suffered cuts from flying glass, and his girlfriend is thought to have escaped serious injury. Two Jamaicans nearby were unhurt, but a second grenade wounded a French couple.

In another attack a few minutes earlier, a woman was killed and 34 people were injured when a grenade was thrown through a window at the Tigre hotel in the central piazza. A third blast was reported in the Jimma Road area of the city.

the US embassy, is thought to have been a target for the antigovernment attack because of it is a favoured eating places for diplomats, tourists and

wealthy Ethiopians.
Luigi Ferrari, the manager of Blue Tops, said that three men had entered at about 7.40pm. After a brief conversation with a waitress, they threw two grenades. He said: I believe the French lady was the most seriously hurt and lost one eye from the shrap-

About 500 Britons live in the Ethiopian capital, working in business, foreign aid or at the British Embassy. They had been advised to be vigilant, although there had been no incidents in the city in the last

The former British police officers were part of



£4.9 million contract agreed between the ODA and the Ethiopian Government to help "civilianise" the local police force. A spokesman for the ODA said that after the civil war there were only paramilitary forces, and Britain was asked to provide training and expertise to turn them into a civilian police force.

The contract is due to end in the summer. He added: "The former police officers have been instructing on everything from traffic control to forensic policing."

Florence Napthen, acting The Blue Tops, an Italian consular the British Embassy, said that the two British men as the official palace of the were in a stable condition. no problem."

Ethiopian Prime Minister and Their wives were treated at the embassy clinic. All were said to be in a state of shock but were not suffering from lifethreatening wounds

Mrs Napthen added: "This is the first incident for a while and we have had to advise all British nationals here to be extra careful. The attacks seem to be focused on hotel lobbies and restaurants which are frequented by foreigners and we are advising people to keep away from these places."

The owners of the Tigre Hotel are from the northeastern region of Tigre where the prime minister. Meles Zenawi, Meles was also born. After the civil war ended, the former rebel group, the Tigre Liberation Front, joined with other opposition organisations to form the ruling Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front which overthrew the regime of the dictator. Mengistu Haile Mariam, in

In January last year, three people were killed and about 20 others were wounded when a bomb exploded in the luxury Ghion hotel in Addis Ababa. An ethnic Somali Muslim extremist group. Al-Itihad Al-Islam, which is fighting for the secession of southeastern Ethiopia's Ogaden region, claimed

responsibility.

The following month, a bomb exploded in the Ras Hotel in the northeastern city of Dire Dawa, killed one person and injured four others. In July last year, Abdul Medjid Hussein, the Transport Minister and an ethnic Somali from Ogaden, was shot and wounded as he arrived at his office in Addis Ababa.

No group immediately admitted responsibility for Saturday's grenade attacks. The two former policemen were taken to the Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa,

where a spokeswoman last

night said they were both

Oval Composition, 1914. The pictures were chosen by the artist Bridget Riley

Blue Tree, 1908-9, one of a series of works on the theme by the Dutch painter

Tate to exhibit works by abstract pioneer

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Tate Gallery has been given a rare opportunity to show more than 60 works by the Dutch painter Piet Mondrian, one of the most important figures in the development of abstract art. The pictures will be on loan from the Gemeentemuseum in The Hague, a gallery that rarely lends works but is closing

The exhibition, which opens in July, will be organised by Bridget Riley, one of Britain's leading contemporary artists and a pio-neer of Op art. Mondrian (1872-1944), whose work has been described as one of the purest manifestations of abstraction, has long been an inspiration for her work.

Simon Wilson, the Tate's curator of interpretation. said: The display will provide the first opportunity for several decades to see a selection of Mondrian's paintings in Britain."

He said the exhibition would begin with Mondrian's naturalistic, atmospheric riverscapes, moving to images inspired by Van Gogh, Seurat and the Fauves, then to images reflecting his discovery of Cubism and to his which vertical and horizontal

lines form grids. He said Riley was "an exceptionally intelligent and articulate artist, with a kind of outward lookingness that makes her a good curator". He added: "It will be fascinating to see a show that's been selected by an artist like Riley. Mondrian paints landscapes with intense colour. Dutch windmills in hot colours that are strange, haunting things. Then he goes to Paris and gets Cubism. Immediately, he begins to make abstract Cubism. He paints a whole series of trees but doesn't go fully abstract until 1920. Another series, of the ea, reduces everything to his characteristic criss-crossing. What is so marvellous is you can see how the most abstract art in the early 20th century

Classical heroes put their heads on the block

By PHILIP HOWARD

SEX and violence have far older literary roots than Quentin Tarantino or the film Crash, The annual meeting of the Classical Association at Royal Holloway College. University of London, ana-

lysed them in depth yesterday. Joseph Reed, of Ohio State University, read a paper on the erotics of violent death in the Aeneid. You may have thought that Virgil's epic was all about pious Aeneas, the destiny of Rome and the foundations of western civili-sation. Wrong.

Look again at the sensual descriptions of dead and dying warriors with quivering limbs and fluttering breath. And read the amatory and almost necrophiliac attention which vorks against the stiff upper lip of the rest of the poem-

Meanwhile, McHardy of Exeter University examined head-hunting and mutilation in ancient Greece. We are told that Achilles and the other heroes in Homer and the first tragedies collected the armour of their defeated enemies for booty and glory. Ms McHardy suggests that they also collected heads and other body parts, but classical versions of the heroic past

tidied up their practice. An enemy's head is a trophy of honour like an Indian scalp. It is the ultimate humiliation of the enemy. Unlike a nose, ear or penis, it is proof that the enemy really is dead, and cannot jump up again and take your head in revenge. The topknot worn by fighters in the Balkans in living memory made it easier for one's friends to carry away one's head before it was taken as a trophy

by the enemy.

Ms McHardy suggests that the replacement of tyrants by democratic city-states in Greece changed the military code. In this new world citizens fought side by side in a scrum. They had to stand or fall together. If they broke ranks for individual combat or head-hunting they lost the battle. So head-hunting came to be seen as a barbarian

Mourners walk out | Anorexia is linked of church service

By DENNIS NEWSON

MOURNERS at a memorial candles. At that point a Gerservice for those who died in an airport fire, including a British soldier, were reduced to tears when actors mimed

the victim's death agonies. The show led to a walkout from the church by the families of the 16 victims of the blaze at Düsseldorf airport a year ago.

The parents of Corporal Martin Smith, 22, from Tamworth, Staffordshire, said they had expected a dignified service. They had joined 50 other mourners from all over Europe for the ceremony in the Kreuz Church near the airport. Part way through, an amateur theatrical group attached to the church began to mime the tragedy. Recreating how the victims were overcome by smoke, the actors clutched their throats before falling to the floor next to 16 empty stalls with 16 lighted

man woman whose son had been killed stood up and began to scream and sob violently. One elderly woman had to be treated for shock.

One of two priests conducting the ceremony appealed for calm and tried to apologise for the performance. About 30 of the congregation were so shaken and angry at what they had seen that they walked out.

Hans-Joachim Peters, an airport director, admitted the mime act was a serious mistake: "If I had known it was going to take place I would have stopped it. It was inappropriate," he said.

Corporal Smith, serving with the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, was travelling back to Britain on leave. The blaze was caused by sparks from a welder's

to brain deficiency

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

ANOREXIA has been linked to an abnormality in the brain. A team of doctors has discovered that lo out of IS anorexic children studied had reduced blood flow in the part of the brain that governs visual perception, appetite and sense of

The researchers at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London, used new scanning techniques. This is the first time that a physical cause has been found for anorexia nervosa. The findings will reassure many parents who fear that they are to blame for their children's eat-

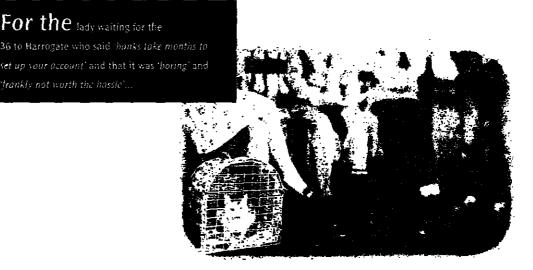
ing disorders. Bryan Lask, a consultant psychiatrist who studied sufferers as young as seven, said that a deficiency in the anterior temporal lobes, which interpret vision, would explain why anorexics see themselves as fat when they are thin. But people

with the brain defect would need other triggers to develop

They would probably live in a society that promoted thinness, would have a perfectionist personality and would be under stress, he said. The illness usually happened dur-

ing puberty. Dr Lask said that once the cause of the physical abnor-mality could be found, pharmaceutical companies would be able to look for the first medical cure for anorexia. Sufferers have to rely on advice, support and psycho-

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Duchess launches £100,000-a-year column with grave reflections New York, said. "They will control" for the column. But

IN NEW YORK

THE Duchess of York begins her career as a newspaper columnist tomorrow with a personal essay", inspired by the film version of Evita. about a visit to her stepfather's grave in Argentina. Her weekly 650-word col-

umns will be distributed by the New York Times syndicate alongside the musings of the former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the Microsoft chairman Bill Gates and lifestyle guru Martha Stewart.

The Duchess's column has been sold to newspapers in the United States, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Portugal, Mexico. Chile and Italy. Three rival British publications were still vying at the weekend for the right to print the Duchess's words, which will include the occasional advice column entitled "Ask

the Duchess". The Duchess is collaborating in the writing with Jeff



inspired by the film Evita

Coplon, the ghost writer of her autobiography. My Story. The pair have already submitted the first five columns.

They cover a variety of subjects, from issues of importance to women and personal reflections and the plight of children," Jeffrey Schneider, the Duchess's spokesman in

not in any way, shape or form be a Royal Watch," he said. "The Duchess will also respond to questions from readers but it's not like an agony The Duchess found the

inspiration for her first column at the premiere of Madonna's film version of Evita. In the film. the Duchess noticed the small Argentinian town of Chivilcoy, a bus stop on the way from Buenos Aires to her mother's ranch in the south of the country.

The scene triggered reflections about a visit to the grave of her mother's polo-playing second husband, the Argentinian Hector Barrantes, who died in 1990. John Stickney, a marketing executive at the syndication service, said: "It's quite deftly turned. I think it's moving, actually, and, in a

couple of places, funny." Mr Stickney said that hecause the Duchess travelled so much. Mr Coplon's Brooklyn home served as mission

collaborator. The Duchess is a great story telier." The Duchess will reportedly receive about £100,000 for her first year on Grub Street. much less than she makes in advertising campaigns. However. relatively few American newspapers are reported to have picked up the column.

One New York columnist

blamed the lack of American

interest on the fact that the

Duchess was considered to be

the "British equivalent of

he insisted that the Duchess

was closely involved, "As far

as celebrity columns go, the

Duchess is deeply engaged."

he said. "There are things in

this that cannot come from a

'Trailer Trash'.' But the Duchess's representatives express satisfaction with the deals struck with major regional newspapers

such as the Denver Post and the Chicago Sun-Times. "We want to get beyond the celebrity factor. I am in this for the long haul." Mr Stickney said. |

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Carey says Church must not refuse to baptise outsiders

busiest Sundays of the foot-

hall season, the Right Rev-

erend Alan Smithson said:

"The Church wants to en-

courage people to do a

broader variety of things in

their lives and we should

use more imagination in

setting times for services. I

know lots of younger

people prefer services later in the day, say from 6pm or

at 9pm. I don't want people to have to choose between

football and church. You

can see a pattern in atten-

dances when football is on."

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obstructed the Christian mess-

age by failing to live the faith

the message of the Kingdom of

God to something that focuses

on the concerns of the local

church, the Christmas bazaar,

the church council meetings,

"If we create barriers, the

service where she was

Mr Williamson, 47. vicar of

St George's in Hanworth,

southwest London, told Sun-

day on BBC Radio 4: "The

appointment of a woman as

canon at St Paul's is simply

not possible because the stat-

utes state quite clearly 'clergy-

from the time of Richard II."

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in charge at the moment, who

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Miss Winkett, who is due to

, said that senior clergy at

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St Paul's challenged

over woman priest

By Dominic Kennedy

officiating.

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS who do not attend church should not be prevented from bringing children for baptism, the Archbishop of Canterbury said yesterday

Recalling his own baptism. Dr George Carey paid tribute to the generosity of the East End vicar who welcomed his parents despite the fact that they were not regular members of the congregation. He issued a plea for Church of England members not to allow doctrine to create a barrier but to offer a warm welcome to

Preaching at Poole last night during a three-day visit to the Salisbury diocese, Dr Carey said the Church was surprisingly healthy and he could see no signs of it dying. But he added: "Admittedly, things are not perfect,"

Many congregations were increasing and many parishes had exciting schemes for visiting and pastoral care. "Yet something still blocks the message from reaching a generation that is hungry spiritually." he said.

Coming as I do from a family without a churchgoing background, let me say with sadness that it is sometimes Church can become irrele-

THE appointment of a

woman priest at St Paul's

Cathedral will be challenged

in the High Court. The Rev

Paul Williamson, an Anglo-

Catholic, is seeking a judicial

review of the decision to

appoint Lucy Winkett, 29, as

minor canon, because he be-

lieves that only men are

Her role has already caused

a split among the clergy at the

cathedral. Canon John Halli-

entitled to fill the post.

vant. It somehow hangs about on the fringes of social life, not Churches should move the quite dead and, indeed, not times of services to fit around football matches, appearing to be dead, but the Bishop of Jarrow said somehow not alive either." yesterday. On one of the Examples were inaciequate

church noticeboards. Dr Carey, who is running a competition to find the three best noticeboards in his Canterbury diocese, with winners to be announced in June. added: "Few things are more series of motheaten bits of paper describing events that took place some time ago."

Preaching yesterday morn-ing at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, he said worshippers should not have to help themselves from a stack of books when they turned up to church but should be given a warm welcome by sidesmen or women. "Don't make the finer points of doctrine a reason for closing doors on people whose understanding of the faith may be woefully inadequate."

get in the way, if they reduce He urged churches to set measurable goals. Admitting that this was alien to Church of England culture, he said it was still feasible to set such the flower rota, the organist's goals. Examples were to keep note of increasing numbers. new members, young people and the numbers volunteering to serve in different forms of

> The Church is a spiritual body whose main aim is to direct people to God," he said, in the first of his three sermons, at Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday. "We are not alternative social agencies, we are not competing political parties, we are not an alternative leisure club."

Dr Carey was speaking just two months after the latest figures. covering 1994-95, showed the biggest fall in attendances in the Church of England for two decades. The figures were particularly unsettling because they came midway through the decade of evangelism, when the Church was hoping to reverse its postwar decline.

The decline is to be tackled anew by Springboard, the evangelism initiative of Dr Carey and the Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, which has been reformed and enlarged five years after its launch in 1992. The Right Rev Michael Marshall, who led Springboard with Canon Michael Green, is to take a lesser role. Canon Green will remain involved, but has officially retired.

The original team of four has been expanded to 35 and Springboard aims to have completed conferences, evangelism courses and missions in most, if not all, of the 43 dioceses by 2000.

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Aiming to be winners: pupils rehearse their competition play about the year when their school was labelled the worst in Britain

Ridings pupils turn their crisis into a drama

By JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR**

TEENAGERS will tonight give their own version of the events last autumn that led to their school being labelled the worst in Britain.

The 34 pupils from the Ridings School, in Halifax, will "set the record straight" in an eight-minute stage presentation as part of a performingarts competition against five other schools from the West Yorkshire area. competing for a place in the northern final. In the latest version of events

leading to the temporary closure of the Ridings and its subsequent identification as a failing school, the press are the main villains, although there is a conflict between good and bad pupils. Journalists are seen offering money to children for pictures and stories, and sensational headlines are paraded on

The early, chaotic scenes are set to Chris Rea's record, The Road to Hell. Teachers are then shown bringing the pupils together and even the journalists are celebrating the school's recovery in positive headlines shown at the

point. Elizabeth Kemf, a species policy officer for the

World Wide Fund for Nature

(WWF) and co-author of a

report into the crisis, said:

Hunting is escalating

She said that part of the

problem was the drifting of

people away from their native.

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life in the rural areas and,

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practice. In places such as

These people are the wild-

Africa, Asia and Europe.

end of the performance, to the strains of Labi Siffre's Something Inside So lan Calvert, the head of English at

the Ridings, was supervising rehears-als at the school yesterday. He said that the pupils had decided to enter the competition because they wanted to set the record straight about their school: "A term ago, we couldn't have considered doing something like this but now there is a bit of daylight. This is another step forward.

The competition, which has an antidrugs message, was adapted from an Australian contest by Chief Inspector Mark Pontin of Hampshire Police. He said: "The message of The Ridings presentation is that they had a bad situation there and the attention of the press made it worse. Many of

the kids in the school feel that they were misrepresented and they were made to suffer when they didn't deserve it." The heats of the Pulse Rock Chall-

enge take place at St George's Concert Hall, Bradford, this evening. The Northern Grand Final is at the same

Emigrants pushing great apes to extinction

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ILLEGAL hunting to supply meat to restaurants from

Nairobi to Brussels is pushing the great apes towards extinction, wildlife experts said Across Africa and Asia, the

last homes of the chimpanzee, ance of national laws and

the gorilla and the orang-utan, commercial hunting in defiinternational conservation agreements is reaching crisis -

Cathedral

ST PAUL'S Cathedral has

Lockheed Martin, which manufactures the F117 Stealth fighter, which saw service in the 1991 Gulf War, has paid £15,000 for the performance of Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks, and will provide corporate hospitality for a number of British companies including British Aerospace and GEC. Lockheed exports its military products around the world, including to Britain and the Middle East.

The concert will be held in the cathedral on July 8. Canon John Halliburton, who chaired the concert committee meeting that approved the sponsorship, said: "The matter was really never debated. If a firm offered money it really did not occur to us to inquire where it came from."

Mr Halliburton said Lockheed Martin was not involved in selling arms to revolutionary governments like the one in Rwanda but to countries which need to defend themselves", he said.

"Saudi Arabia doesn't use these arms to conduct their regime. There is corruption in all arms trading but so far as I can tell from my investigations into Lockheed Martin, that is not the case with them," he added.

pressure group, the Campaign Against Arms Trade, condemned the decision, Rachel Harford, of the pressure group, said: "The canon may feel it has nothing to do with the Church but many people in developing countries will feel differently. The Church should be taking a lead on these issues. The decision to hold this event lends tacit

get a whacking great profit"."

there are people who have ployees are becoming game emigrated from African coun-Ms Kemf said that in 1992 tries such as Zaire and the

on eating wildlife." She said the damage was being accelerated by the arrival of multinational logging companies. Studies carried out by bodies including American government agricultural agencies, universities, the WWF and the International

Primate Protection League

have found that in scores of

Congo, they also want to carry

Belgian customs and wildlife investigators seized frozen primate meat destined for restaurants.

The report, Great Apes in the Wild: Wanted Alive, confirms that the mountain gorillas of Zaire, Uganda and Rwanda are the great apes most at risk, with only 620 animals left.

Under the Convention on

the International Trade in Endangered Species, to which Britain is a signatory, trade in meat and parts of great apes is either banned or strictly controlled. The WWF is calling for tougher action to enforce

these rules. D Emergency water supplies are being pumped into an East Anglian ien to try to save Britain's rarest spider from the drought. The great raft spider survives only in Redgrave, Norfolk, Pevensey, East Sussex.

backs arms sponsorship for concert By MICHAEL EVANS

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

defended its decision to allow a major American arms company to sponsor a concert marking the centenary of its choir in July.

However, the anti-arms approval to arms exporting

She added: "It seems to us that the Church has rewritten the Sixth Commandment to Thou shalt not kill, unless we

companies."



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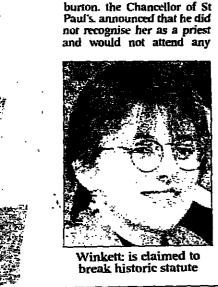
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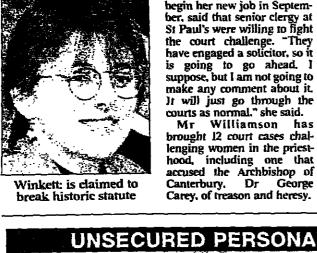
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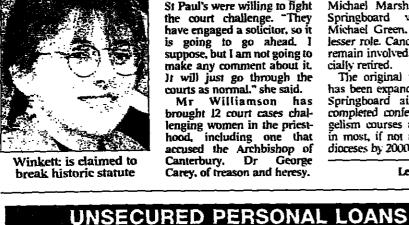
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Woolf proposes fast track to judicial equality

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FAST-TRACK system to increase the number of women judges has been suggested by Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls.

He told a meeting of women lawyers that the judicial appointments process did not intentionally work against women. But he said: "We must look to see whether we can't have a fast track to let them catch up if they [women] have taken time off their careers."

The same should apply to men, he said, who had taken off time to look after children perhaps because their wife has left or their partner thinks her caréer is more important than his".

Judges were keen to see the face of the judiciary change so that it was "not as biased in Only seven of the 96 High Court judges are women and there is only one Lord Justice of Appeal from a total of 35. The 12 law lords are all men.

Lord Woolf, 63, said that when the next Master of the Rolls was appointed he would like to think that there would be more women and black candidates for the post. "When I retire I hope there is not only a possible woman candidate but also black candidates. I will do what I can to bring that

Lord Woolf strongly backed the present judicial selection system, saying it produced



Woolf: said male bias was not intentional



Kennedy: award for

top-quality judges. Any re-form must not jettison the good aspects of the system with the bad.

There had already been reforms that should remove

Leading role model bows to pressure

IT WAS billed as a debate on "Women as Leaders: Superman and Sleeping Beauty (Frances Gibb writes). In the chair was to be Cheric Booth. QC — a perfect opportunity to break from the role of supporting wife on the campaign trail and reassert herself as career woman and top OC. But after Tony Blair's socalled wobbly week, Labour's oin-doctors were taking no

chances. A posse of journalists were told that Ms Booth could no longer chair her session at the Woman Lawyer conference. The official reason? Doubts that she could make it in time after her trip to Ilford, east London, with the Labour leader for the unveiling of a plaque from Michael Win-ner's Police Memorial Trust. But the real reason, some

said, was advice from Labour headquarters not to do it. Ms Booth, voted Legal Personality of the Year two weeks ago, was firmly "minded" by Fiona Millar, her personal assistant, and stuck religiously to her brief.

She refused, with a polite smile, to be drawn on sensitive questions thrown at her iournalists. Does she tice as OC if she is Prime Minister's wife? Lawyers were puzzled. If the Labour Party machine cramps her style now, how will she manage if her husband is in office,

they pondered?
Ms Booth did, however, speak up strongly for a new initiative - of which she is a founder — in which lawyers will help those with discrimination problems at the Bar.

itably the numbers [of women] would go up in leaps and bounds. The system could, however, be made more "appropriate and friendly". One option would be to have more lay people on the panels that draw up the shortlists for

Lord Woolf, the most senior civil judge in England and Wales, was addressing 300 solicitors and barristers at the Woman Lawyer conference in London. The one-day event was organised by the Bar and the Law Society and was sponsored by The Times.

Robert Owen, QC, chairman of the Bar, gave details of new spotchecks carried out on chambers to ensure that they were complying with the Bar's equality code. He said that discriminatory barriers were being broken down. In October 1992 there were 7,272 barristers in private practice -5,891 men and 1,420 women. In October 1996 the total was 8,935 — 6,820 men and 2,115 women. "Over those four vears the Bar increased by 22.88 per cent, the number of male barristers increased by 16.56 per cent and the number of women barristers by 49 per cent," Mr Owen said. In 1992, women made up 19.5 per cent of the Bar in private practice against just under 24 per cent

The most up-to-date figures for applications for pupillage (trainee places in chambers) showed that 60 per cent were from men, 40 per cent from women: 59 per cent of the offers of trainee places went to

men and 41 per cent to women. Lord Woolf echoed a recent suggestion by Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, that more use might be made of retired solicitors in judicial posts. "I believe they would welcome their involvement in all sorts of activities on a structured basis and would do so at salaries disproportionately low because of the satisfaction the work would give

☐ Helena Kennedy, QC, the radical barrister and writer, and Dame Mary Arden, the High Court judge and chairman of the Law Commission received Times Lifetime Achievement in the Law awards at the conference.

The Woman of Achievement award went to Janet Gaymer, an employment law partner at Simmons & Simmons. The group award for the law firm, chambers or legal department contributing most to equal opportunities was won by the chambers at 1 Pump Court. Temple (see Law tomorrow).



The little princess who tried to rival Peter Pan

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WHEN Sir James Barrie died in 1937, he bequeathed the royalties from Peter Pan to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. Less well known is the fact that he offered a cut of a far less successful work to Princess Margaret - and while the hospital has benefited by hun-dreds of thousands of pounds, the Princess's takings amount to just 14d (6p).

Her partnership, at the age

of seven, with the Scottish author has come to light after her agreement to tunveil a plaque on May I at the Peter Pan statue in Kensington Gardens, the eighty-fifth anniversary of its first appearance in the Koyai Park.

The playwright sat next to her at her third birthday party and subsequently wrote that when she noticed he apparently envied one of her presents, she "immediately placed it between us with the words, 'It is yours and mine'." After the party the Princess overheard someone talk of Barrie and remarked: "I know that man. He is my greatest friend and I am his



J.M. Barrie and the mock-solemn contract in which he agreed to pay the Princess 1d per performance

play, The Boy David, and when he next met the Princess he agreed that, as a collaborator in the production, she would receive a penny for

each performance. The play closed after a short run and Barrie assumed the Princess had forgotten about his promise. Not so. In 1937 her father, George VI wrote Barrie a playful reminder that, if he did not pay up, he

greatest friend." Barrie incor- would hear from his solicisolemn formal indenture to pay, which he and the Princess signed. It still exists in the Royal Library at Windsor

It was the last thing Barrie wrote. Three days before his appointment at Buckingham Palace to discharge his debt with a canvas bag of newly minted pennies, Barrie feli seriously ill. He died ten days later, on June 19, 1937.

Airport launches offensive against protesters

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER airport, voted the second best airport in the world after Singapore by 55,000 travellers last week. has launched a campaign to win support for its planned second runway.

Thousands of information packs have been delivered detailing the £17 million that developers say will be spent on improving the environment, rather than wrecking it as protesters claim. Every candidate in the general election will receive a copy.

Officials claim that 35 hectares of woodland will be planted compared with the six that will be lost to construction, and that 24 kilometres of hedgerow will be planted or restored. Wildlife such as badgers, bats, great crested newts and kingfishers will be resettled in habitats cultivated to help them to flourish. More than 90 new or restored ponds will support amphibians and plants; a weir on the nearby river will be removed to allow fish to migrate and ancient woodland will moved, they

Local wildlife groups are becoming increasingly angry at the behaviour of protesters and say their tunnels are damaging woodland and grassland. The Cheshire Wild-life Trust said that the protesters' camps were sited in areas that they were trying

The £172 million two-mile runway was approved after a 101-day public inquiry but immediately attracted the

attentions of protesters.

Manchester City Council owns 55 per cent of the shares in the airport, with the balance distributed equally among the nine other districts in Greater Manchester. During the past ten years the airport has paid more than £69 million in dividends to its local authority shareholders, and no taxpayers' money is being used to fund the terminal development or the improvements to

ground transport. During the inquiry more than 11,000 local people wrote in support of the second runway and opposition is growing to what they see as

Already the runway is full at peak times, as are airports throughout the world. The number of people using Europe's airports will double within the next ten years to almost 800 million, according to the Geneva-based Air Transport Action Group. By 2000, it says, the cost to Europe's economy of air congestion will reach almost £4 billion a year.

Chemical alert on Scottish island

A beach and a nearby hotel on Barra, in the Outer Hebrides, were sealed off yesterday after a number of people became ill after reports of shoreline scum emitting a pungent chemical gas. Diane Worthington, owner of the isle of Barra Hotel, and three coastguard volunteers developed headaches, irritated eyes and sore throats.

Samples of the scum were flown to Glasgow by the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency for analysis. Gun prank

An ambulance trust manager has been suspended after a gun prank at work. Adrian Hessay, 44. of the North Yorkshire Ambulance Trust, allegedly offered an air pistol to a colleague who said she was so fed up she could shoot

Speed merchant

Nick Sanders, 38, sets off this week to try to set a round-theworld speed record. He already holds the record for circumnavigating the world by bicycle, which he set at 78 days in 1985, and is now aiming to break motorcycling record.

Lift let-down

Two office cleaners were taken to hospital suffering from dehydration after spending 26 hours trapped in a lift that jammed between floors in Bristol. No one heard the men's shouts for help until a security guard went on duty yesterday.

Sir Paul gets back

Sir Paul McCartney yesterday revived memories of the famous Beatles' rooftop concert in 1969 when he gave performed his new single. Young Boy, on the roof of his London office for a documentary on the making of his first solo album since 1980.

Royal stamps

Part of the Queen's stamp collection, including two ex-tremely valuable Penny Blacks will be on show at a four-day meeting of philate-lists at Wembley Exhibition Centre from April 24. The display marks the Oueen's golden wedding anniversary.

Cow slip

A cow that fell into a swimming pool at Babworth, Nottinghamshire, was recued by firelighters using slings and a forklift truck "She was getting very cold but apart from that she was OK," a spokesman said. "She trotted off quite happily."

Sheep farmers placed on alert as rams stray into gay says: "Farmers should get their starts even before puberty and is an

By Michael Hornsby. AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

SHEEP farmers counting their lambs this spring may not have realised quite what a gamble they were taking when they relied on their rams naturally lustful instincts last autumn. Research in America suggests that 10 per cent of rams are attracted only to other males and a further 10 per cent have no interest in sex at all. Farmers in Europe, they say, would be unwise to assume their sheep are much different.

Anne Perkins, chair of the psychology department at Carroll College in Helena, Montana, and a specialist in animal behaviour,

binoculars out and keep a close watch on their rams at mating time. If a ram does not pay attention to a female on heat within 30 minutes, then the chances are that it has very low libido, is asexual or male-orientated, and the farmer should get rid of it at once and buy another."

sheep has hitherto not received the attention it deserves. Dr Perkins believes, because rams are typically reared in all-male groups and even straight ones commonly in-dulge in what looks like homosex-ual behaviour.

The phenomenon of homosexual tries, such as Australia. What I have been able to show

"Rams mounting other rams is normal," Dr Perkins explained. "It expression of play and dominance, part of sheep hierarchy behaviour. So just because you see a male mounting another male does not mean it is necessarily homosexual-

Dr Perkins and other scientists began to suspect that normal male bonding might not be the whole explanation for such behaviour because of the frequency of reports from farmers of poor breeding performance, both in America and in some other sheep-rearing coun-

is that approximately 8 to 10 per cent of rams are uniquely homosexual in that they do not recognise females as a sexual turn-on. They will only mount other males and refuse to mount females even if offered repeated opportunities," she said.

In the experiments two rams and two ewes on heat were tethered by their heads to opposite sides of a rectangular stanchion. Other rams were then released into the field. "The homosexual rams would

usually sniff the tethered females but would never mount them," Dr Perkins said. "They would respond primarily to the urine of the males. one of the tethered males urinated, they would smell that and proceed to mount."

About 10 per cent of rams found the whole business of sex a turn-off and would not mount animals of any gender, while others appeared to suffer from low libido or shyness and would perform only at night or if repeatedly exposed to a female.

Post-mortem examination showed differences in brain biochemistry. "Heterosexual rams have a large amount of oestrogen, the female hormone, in the area of the brain responsible for male copulatory behaviour, whereas females and homosexual rams do

not," Dr Perkins said. British sheep farmers, who have long had their own tried and tested methods for ensuring that their rams are giving value for money. took the news of the American research findings calmly yesterday.

flock on Romney Marsh near Rye in East Sussex, said: "Nothing would surprise me about sheep. It is not as if we leave everything to chance. The practical farmer always puts more than one ram with

Like most other sheep farmers, Mr Merricks uses the "raddle", a leather harness attached to a sixinch block of coloured crayon that is fitted round the chest of the ram. "If the ram is working properly, he will leave a coloured mark on the rump of the ewes he mounts," he said. "Each ram has a different colour crayon, so you can quickly spot any chap that isn't doing the



Poor stud record led to study of rams' sexual preferences

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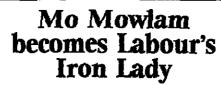
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Eagle twins have their eyes on Westminster



Tony Blair and his tabloid manifesto

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Greer tells Tatton Tories Hamilton misled them

IAN GREER, the lobbyist at the centre of the "cash-for-questions" controversy, has written to Tatton Conservative Association to accuse Neil Hamilton and his supporters of misleading activists during his fight to be re-adopted as their candidate.

Mr Greer said that if he were in Mr Hamilton's place he would have stood down for the benefit of the Conservative Party. He also claimed that he was advised by a government whip not to disclose to a Commons select committee the names of three Tory MPs who had received thousands of pounds in commission from his company.

His decision to approach Tatton Tories on the eve of Wednesday's deadline for nominations will ensure that sleaze returns to the top of the election agenda today. Mr Greer acted after he discovered that Mr Hamilton had received the support of Andrew Smith, the managing director of Mr Greer's former lobbying company, to bolster Mr Hamilton's claim that he would have cleared his name in a High Court libel trial last October if the case had not collapsed.

Mr Smith. 35, a Conservative parliamentary candidate, who worked for Mr Greer's company when it paid Mr Hamilton EIO,000 that was not declared, told a meeting of 150 Tatton Tory activists that the case collapsed because of discrepancies over the number of payments the lobbyist had made to another Tory MP, Sir Michael

Mr Smith absolved Mr Hamilton, who is a close friend, of any blame and said that the trial would have been his salvation.

But last night Mr Greer told The Times: "It is not true." It would appear Tatton Conservative Assotion has been told half-truths by

The political lobbyist at the centre of the cash-for-questions investigation has urged the embattled Conservative to stand down as an election candidate for the sake of the

party, writes Andrew Pierce Andrew Smith to ensure Neil Hamilton's re-adoption. I am shocked that Andrew Smith, who is on the threshold of his own political career, has allowed himself to be used in this way. I do not

"But it would appear his memory is very selective when visiting Tatton. Andrew, who when he resigned from the company said he had no wish to be any further involved in this controversy, knows very well the circumstances that forced the collapse of the

know whether he was coached or

In his book on the cash-forquestions controversy, One Man's Word, which will be published on Wednesday, Mr Greer alleges a "dramatic disclosure", three days before the case was due to begin, of a minute of a conversation be-tween Michael Heseltine and Neil Hamilton. He says it took place in October 1994, only days after The Guardian published the cash-forquestions allegations.

'Neil Hamilton had been asked by Michael Heseltine, who was then President of the Board of Trade, whether he had had a financial relationship with Ian Greer Associates. Neil Hamilton 'No'," Mr Greer Neil Hamilton received com-

mission payments from my com-

pany on two occasions," claimed. "It was the killer blow for

the trial. Andrew Smith, who discussed the Cabinet minute with Neil Hamilton, told me had done it to buy himself time. "We could no longer proceed. I

would have preferred to have fought on, but to have done so I would have to broken the shackles with Neil Hamilton. He would not stand down because he had per-suaded fellow MPs to change a 300-year-old law to enable him to proceed."

Mr Greer has expressed shock in his book that Mr and Mrs Hamilton enjoyed a second all-expenses paid stay as Mohamed Al Fayed's guests in Paris in July 1990. The visit, which was also not declared, was made four months after Mr Al Fayed was described as a liar and a cheat by the Department of Trade and Industry.

It allegedly came to light only when transcripts of Mr Hamilton's evidence to Sir Gordon Downey, the parliamentary commissioner investigating the sleaze affair, were leaked to the press. Mr Greer claimed: "I was horrified to think that Neil had not told me during two years of preparation for the trial. As a co-plaintiff it would have been devestating for both of us if this revelation had come to light during the libel trial."

Mr Greer, whose lobbying company has gone into voluntary liquidation, claimed that when he was due to go before a private hearing of the Commons Select Committee on Privileges in 1990, to talk about payments to MPs, he sought out a Tory whip for advice.

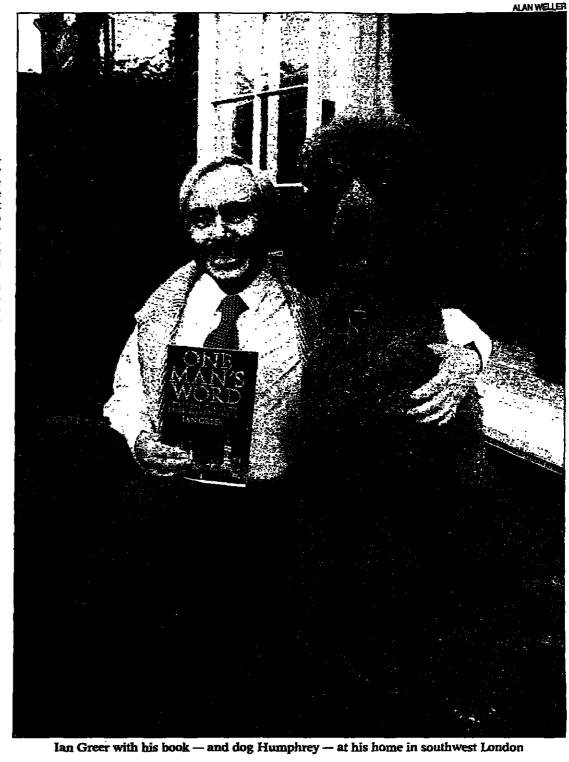
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went to see him ten days before the hearing. I told him I was not minded to name them. He told me to leave it with him. Two days before the hearing I went back to see him. He was emphatic: apologise, apologise and apologise, but don't name them. Call them A, B and C." he claimed.

Mr Greer says that he took the advice from the whip, whom he declined to name. The whip was made aware of the identity of the MPs. Two of them, Mr Hamilton and Michael Brown, were subse quently made ministers. Mr Brown, like Mr Hamilton, is standing for re-election. The third, Sir Michael, is standing down. The select committee issued new advice on declarations of payments after

Mr Greer's appearance Mr Greer, who is canvassing for Jeremy Hanley, the former Tory Party chairman, said that Mr Hamilton was "in an appalling dilemma. If he stood down, people would say he took money from Al Fayed, which I do not believe." However, Mr Greer admitted that if it had been him, he "would have stood down for the sake of the Conservative Party".

The support of Andrew Smith, the candidate in Cynon Valley, South Wales, was decisive for Mr Hamilton in securing re-adoption. Pauline Breland, a member of the management committee of Tatton Conservatives, said: "He made clear Neil had nothing to do with the collapse." Mr Smith was not available for comment last night.



Clergy deliver verdict on sleaze

THE Church entered the sleaze debate yesterday as clergy in Tatton gave their verdict on Neil Hamilton.

Some local ministers, most of them Methodist, criticised Mr Hamilton for being "brass-necked" in continuing to stand despite the damaging allegations against him. But other clergy remained loyal to Mr Hamilton, a regular churchgoer. Canon Brian

Reeve, whose church, St Mary's (Church of England) is next door to Mr Hamilton's

insisted that his friend was a "man of integrity" but said some of his actions had been "unwise".

John Burgon, Roman Catholic provost in Alderley Edge, also defended Mr Hamilton's reputation. "I have admired what he has done both politically and personally," he said. "I have admired his integrity, steadfastness and his conviction of rightness."

The local ministers spoke out as it emerged that a public church meeting at which Mr Hamilton and Martin Bell,

Tony Have

and a rather soggy almond croissant, much favoured in Islington but an acquired taste at 8am

on Labour's election

Lanch: Soggy, over-

mils with a variety

of fillings of uncertain

efficiency by Sarah.

origin. Followed by choice of fruit for pudding. All served with tolerance and

Prinks: Cans of soft drinks, mineral water

and an almost endless supply of tea and coffee. Cans of lager on the evening return

lunch. Should be attempted only in cases

Mr Slatt sats: Tea and toast for breakfast with the occasional fry-up if spindoctor allows. Lunch is usually missed. Large

apples. His spindoctors say: Tony has the

cooked evening meal on a flight back to

Supper: Sandwich rolls left over from

of extreme hunger. So far, only one

Snacks: Crisps, chocolate bars.

battle bus.

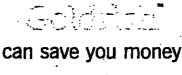
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Breaktzst: Coffee, tea

house in Nether Alderley, the independent anti-sleaze candidate, were due to have appeared last night had been cancelled due to "lack of cooperation" from the candidates. Some gave their views in a religious programme, Sunday, for Radio 4. The Rev Brian Mifflin, of The Method-

ist Church, Alderley Edge, where the meeting was to have been held, said: "Mr Hamilton at first said he wouldn't come but when Mr Bell emerged he said he would. Now Mr Bell has said he won't do anything until he has had his meeting with the Liberal Democrats. My view is that he should resign. Canon John Banks said: "Neil Hamilton has already admitted to six things, any one of which is enough for him to resign." He criticised "mealy mouthed Christians" who refused to get involved in politics: "It's all very well making marmalade for Bosnia. They ought to to stand up for what they believe."

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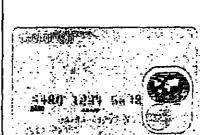
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WHAT THE TROOPS EAT ON THE BATTLE BUSES

John Major

Sreaklast: Ham and cheese filled crois or sickly sweet chocolate chip muffins probably favoured by Tory ladies from the shires. Tea and

Lunch: Prawn cocktail starter followed by cold meat and salad; and for dessert: cheese and

chocolate mints, washed down with a quarter bottle of wine or water. Not one to queue for but as good as you will get out of a box. Singe .5: No snacks available on the bus: you have to nip into a newsagent for a packet of

Drinks: Coffee machine in full working order but no coffee. Free soft or alcoholic drinks on

Circuler: Fend for yourself on the bus and fight over a spare Mars Bar but sandwiches served the plane.

Wit Major each: Egg and grapefruit for breakfast, the salad lunch like everyone else but has fruit, Pringles, milk and Marmite sandwiches to supplement his diet. Major has daily constitutional glass of chablis which has daily constitutional glass of chablis which aides said keeps him "pepped up."

Stor mang *** Good food battle bus guide: Vast improvement in recent days as the upturn in Tory spirits is mirrored in the quality of fare after a sandwich laden first 2 weeks.

Star rating: ***** Good food battle bus golde: Bring your own packed lunch and a hip flask of your favourite tiople.

healthy meal in evening. Snacks on

BBC for breakfast and iTN for lunch."

Paddy Ashdown

5: askiest: Coffee biscuits, Danish pastries and – inexplicably – an after-dinner mint, served with tea or coffee during morning flight. umah: Sandwiches. Bought in bulk by Mr Ashdown's secretary Becky from nearest shop

on campaign route –
anything from M&S to Bloggs the baker.
Used to be handed round, now left in battle bus fridge for hacks to fight over. A BLT is the ultimate prize. Shacks: Danish pastries or cake,

sometimes muffins, plus tea or coffee and biscuits on afternoon flight. Drinks: Small cartons of Ribena, orange squash etc. left in fridge. Beer and wine once on evening bus journey and late flight. Supper: Only on late flights back to London.

Smoked salmon followed by cold chicken, then cheese and cheesecake, all served at once. Wine or beer. Mr Ashdovin eats: The same as the reporters. There is no special treatment for Paddy," an aide says. The Liberal Democrat leader has a "light supper" in the evenings.

Stat falling: *v + t t Good food battle ous guide: Heaven if you love Danish pastries, otherwise be prepared to go hungy until funchtime. Nutritionally speaking, this bus is a nightmare.

Party menus win few votes from connoisseurs

THE three party political armies may be marching on their stomachs as they crisscross the country in fleets of battle buses but the dielary value of the food would give a nutritionist indigestion.

The Prime Minister has ordered a regular supply of fruit after surviving largely on Marmite sandwiches and Pringles during the first two weeks of the campaign. interspersed with curry and

fish and chips. Tony Blair is not a big eater but no teapot is large enough to cater for his insatiable appetite for the drink. His food tastes are broad, and be is as happy to eat

fish and chips as he is pasta with sundried tomatoes.

Paddy Ashdown may be the leader who most needs a course of vitamin tablets by the time the campaign ends. Danish pastries and after-dinner mints have been among his nibbles. Otherwise it is sandwiches and more sandwiches. He does not stand on ceremony when it comes to eating on his battle bus. Last week he was heard complaining to reporters that they had taken the crisps he liked from the selection bought by his

Mr Ashdown, a former soldier, knows

the value of "stoking up" to maintain energy levels but his hectic schedule leaves him little time for proper meals. He has covered more miles so far than the other leaders, and starts his public day earlier. The best he has managed during the day was at a school in Sheffield where he shared lunch with some of the youngest pupils, choosing cheese pie, chips and tinned tomatoes followed by jam tart.

Here Times writers aboard the party leaders' buses assess the quality and quantity of the fare on offer and give them a rating out of five.

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16: The environment

Westminster factory recycles green idealism

ONLY a sheet of recycled paper separates the main political parties on environmental issues. And a very thin slice it is too.

The Conservatives are pushing their record on meeting international agreements from reducing acid rain and combating global warming to phasing out substances depleting the ozone layer. They are keen to publicise achievements in recycling, cleaning up the air and boosting the number of new homes built on derelict land.

Labour are pledging tougher action on global warming, and support for cleaner technologies and solar power. They have also set out plans for a green task-force of unemployed youth to tackle derelict land, insulate homes and manage

neglected wildlife sites.

The most radical policies are

from the Liberal Democrats, who have pledged several green strate-gies including cutting car tax for small engine cars, reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 30 per cent over 15 years and slashing VAT on energy-saving materials.

It has been asked whether political leaders really are serious about the environment. Certainly, these days no politician can appear hostile to green concerns. But Labour, despite its widely admired document In Trust for Tomorrow and a positive speech by Tony Blair on green issues in February 1996. has, until recently, had little to say on the subject. The trade unions have traditionally viewed anti-pollution measures and action to protect wildlife as a threat to jobs and economic prosperity, and their influence was thought to be strong

in preventing a change in Labour

The appointment of Michael Meacher, a leftwinger, to shadow environment protection, discouraged green campaigners who feared that such issues were being downgraded. Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, concentrated his attack on the government record largely on the question of water leaks, and campaigners complained about Labour's lack of more visionary ideas.

Mr Dobson's attacks paid off: the Government's embarrassment at the poor record of privatised water companies was intensified by angry consumer reaction. Those facing hosepipe bans or threatened with water cut-offs and standpipes saw Mr Dobson's point.

The Conservative record, on the

THE POLITICS ...

other hand, has improved. John Gummer, who carried little weight on his appointment as Environment Secretary in 1993, has won support from green campaigners for his commitment and ability to translate complex issues into straightforward policy. Even radical pressure groups such as Greenpeace have admitted a grudging admiration for his mea-

sures to combat global warming. Labour realised it was losing the initiative in this field only when Charles Secrett, of Friends of the Earth, launched a full-scale attack on the party's record. He accused Labour of cowardice and complacency. Labour was taken aback. Opinion polls showing that the

environment was important to floating voters and women were resented to the Labour leadership. Mr Blair responded by ordering that the environment be given more prominence. Shadow spokesmen have since been inserting at least some references to a green agenda in their speeches. Mr Blair has promised that in no area of Labour government would the environment be ignored.

Similar pledges have been made by the Conservatives in recent years. John Major has focused on air pollution and initiatives to clean up car, lorry and diesel emissions. Nevertheless, it remains unclear how green the Conservatives really are. On the day the main Tory

manifesto was published, a separate green one also came out. Did this signal the importance of the environment or emphasise the rift between Mr Gummer and other

The main differences between the parties are in the implementation of environmental policies. The Tories have promised to back a Europe-wide scheme to cut emissions of greenhouse gases by 10 per cent by 2010. Labour has backed a 20 per cent target but has so far failed to outline how these more severe curbs would be enforced.

One of Labour's vote-catching policies, to reduce VAT on heating bills to 5 per cent, appears to be at odds with its goals on climate change. Critics argue that cutting VAT will damage energy efficiency schemes unless conservation measures are made cheaper too.

The export potential of developing environmental technologies has become a central plank of Labour policy: and it is hoped that it will win over sceptics in the party and trade unions who fear that concern for the environment costs

Mr Meacher has also outlined plans to include solar power in the green energy schemes that qualify for aid, financed by the Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation, during the costly start-up period.

The notion of a green audit of government could be the most significant move. In theory, everything from ministers' cars to paper clips would be costed for its environmental impact. It would put Britain well ahead internationally in the commitment to green ideals. So far, only Labour has suggested that it would take a

Own goals at home spoil away victories

environmental field, but at home its performance has

Taking the lead from Margaret Thatcher's celebrated speech at the Royal Society in 1988, the Government has taken the lead in restrictions on greenhouse gases. Indeed, Britain is one of the few countries expected to exceed its commitment to stabilise carbon dioxide emission at the 1990 level by 2000, as agreed at the Rio Earth summit in

Much of the progress on been achieved by running down the coal industry in favour of gas and extending the life of older nuclear power stations. It has also been a byproduct of the recession. But the achievement is undeniably impressive when compared with that of other industrial nations.

The Government has, however, appeared unable to square many other green policies with the ideology of the free market and its aversion to

The success of an Environment Secretary is measured by his ability to persuade colleagues in other ministries, especially Agriculture, Transport, Trade and Industry and the Treasury, to take account of environmental issues in policy planning, in the past 18 years the top man at environment has often appeared uncomfortable with the brief or. as in the case of the incumbent, John Gummer, has seen colleagues publicly supporting reforms but privately rejecting them as too radical and a burden to industry.

in some areas. Mr Gummer's impressive grasp of green issues and his enthusiasm for the iob have won over scentics. But despite supportive words, ministries have been unable to make real reform in areas such as over-

fishing and North Sea oil pollution. The disposal of oil and gas installations in the deep Atlantic has put the Department of Trade and Industry at odds with the Environment Department. Intensive agriculture has

taken its toll on nature. In the past two decades, once-common songbirds such as the thrush have declined by up to 50 per cent. So-called agrienvironment schemes, designed to make agriculture kinder to wildlife by paying cals and to plant forests instead of crops, have only recently secured the necessary financial resources.

The creation in 1996 of the Environment Agency, to deal with air, land and water pollution, led to controversy. There were claims that it had been shackled from birth because the Government gave it the responsibility to balance the costs and benefits of cleaning up the environment.

At the 1992 election, John Major promised to set up the Energy Saving Trust. This was to have the job of cutting carbon dioxide emission from homes and industries through such methods as increasing the use of energy-saving light bulbs and appliances. It was to be funded, not by state grants, but by a levy on the newly privatised electricity and gas industries, under the principle of "the polluter

Today the trust has a budget of just £80 million rather than the £400 million expected. Clare Spottiswoode, the Gas Regulator, declared the levy illegal. The Environment Department wanted pressure out on her to change her view, but Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, refused. Possibly the most troubled area of Tory environment

policy has been planning. The



A levy on electricity companies is raising more than £1 billion to encourage alternative energy sources such as wind

early years were marked by an unwritten policy of giving developers priority over council planning policies. Under the late Nicholas Ridley, companies wanting to build homes in the green belt or to develop out-of-town shopping got a sympathetic reception.

The view was that existing planning structures were a burden to enterprise. This unleashed a development freefor-all, especially in south and southeast England, which in turn led to a rise in roadbuilding and traffic.

Mrs Thatcher, while no admirer of the green movement, paid attention to scientific evidence of the threat of global warming after being lobbied by Sir John Houghton, head of the Meteorological Office, and Sir Crispin Tickeil, former UN Ambassador. She also noted the success of the Green Party in the European elections in June 1989 and began a greening of

British government. Mr Ridley was replaced by Chris Patten who, in 1991, signalled a return to formal local authority planning. There had been increasing opposition, particularly in Tory constituencies in the

South, to huge building

schemes. During the past three years Mr Gummer has overhauled the planning system, drafting new rules to steer housing, leisure, retail and business development back into towns and inner

Tighter European emission controls on vehicles are being phased in A national air quality strategy, although slow to emerge, has now been introduced alongside these measures. Limits on pollutants have been based on advice from medical and scientific experts. Councils are required to pinpoint pollution hotspots and draft plans to reduce emissions by 2005.

The record on tackling waste has been more consistent. Kenneth Clarke was hailed by environmental protection groups as the first "green Chancellor" when he announced the landfill levy. The groups cite this as the kind of reform that could make Britain healthier and cleaner without costing jobs or affecting economic perfor-mance. Businesses and councils are charged to dump rubbish in tips. The money raised is used to encourage recycling by cutting the National Insurance costs of companies which run reclamation businesses. Taxes have also been used to promote cleaner fuels. Emission of some exhaust fumes has risen more than 40 per cent since 1989. The Government has promised that each year petrol and diesel prices will rise at a rate higher than that of inflation. in two budgets there have been reduced duties on lowsulphur diesel and com-

pressed natural gas. A levy of more than £1 billion has been introduced to support nuclear power and to encourage the use of renewable energies such as wind. energy from waste, small-scale hydroelectricity and electricity from crops. The levy, the Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation, is imposed on electricity companies and funds environment-friendly energy schemes during their costly start-up

The Government has overseen steady improvements in quality of rivers and bathing waters, partly the result of European legislation that has forced water comparties to invest in multibillion-pound sewage cleanup programmes.

The protection of wildlife

has been strengthened by a

Wildlife and Countryside Act, European directives such as those on birds and habitats, and measures to protect sites of special scientific interest.

There have been contradictions. While wildlife habitats on private land are less at risk from developers, the Govern-ment has often ignored restrictions for its own infrastructure schemes. John Redwood, as Welsh Secretary, put economic interest above wildlife and the environment when backing the Cardiff Bay barrage.

The Government divided the Nature Conservancy Council into separate Scottish, Welsh and English bodies. It is widely suspected that this was because the council, the Government's scientific and wildlife adviser, had too much power over landowners. The parts are considered to be less

than the sum. On a more positive note, the Government drafted plans to conserve and to encourage more than 100 threatened plants and animals, including the violet click beetle and the red squirrel. This initiative meets commitments under the Rio Biodiversity Convention, and makes Britain one of the

THE POLITICIANS -

JOHN GUMMER

Age: 57 Education: King's School, Rochester, and Selwyn Coll-ege, Cambridge. Family: married with four

children. Experience: entered Commons in 1970; party vice-

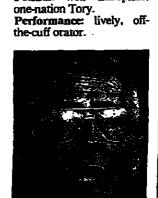
chairman, 72-74; assistant whip, 8i; Lord Commissioner of Treasury. 81-83; junior Employment Minister, 83: party chairman, 83-85; Employment Minister, 83-84; Paymaster-General, 84-85; Minister of State, MAFF. 85-88; Minister of State at Environment, 88-89; Agriculture Minister, 89-93; En-

MICHAEL MEACHER Age: 57

Education: Berkhamsted New College, School: Oxford. Family: married with four

Experience: entered Commons 1970; junior Industry Minister, 74-75; junior Minister, DHSS; 75-76; trade, 76-79; in Shadow Cabinet since 1983; chief spokesman on health and social security. 83-87; employment, 87-89; social security, 89-92; overseas development, 92-93; the citizen's charter, 93-94; transport, 94-95; employ-

ment 95-96; environmen-



vironment Secretary since

Politics: wet, Europhile,

tal protection since 1996. Politics: old-fashioned conviction socialist. Performance: intelligent speaker but easily put off his stride in debate.

WHAT THEY SAID

been playing with the con-ditions of the life we know on the surface of our planet. We have cared too little for our seas, our forests and our land. We have treated the air and the oceans like a

Margaret Thatcher, Nov 1990 We will put concern for the environment at the heart of policymaking, so that it is not an add-on extra, but informs the whole of

government. Tony Blair, April 1997 It the prospect of slightly warmer summers and faster cricket outfields here seems a happy one, we should pause to think of the dev-

changes in the earth's climate could have on less fortunate people around the

John Major, March 1997 Is the lifestyle we are creat-ing sustainable in a way that we can continue to develop without cheating on our children or grandchildren? If we go on like we are these nds will be covered in housing.

John Gummer, Oct 1996

We could carry on polluting pone living more lightly on our planet ... but deep down, everyone knows the longer we duck these decisions, the higher the price we pay in the next

Paddy Ashdown, April 1997

homes are being built on

abandoned or derelict land.

up from 37 per cent 10 years

ago. But the amount of

CONSERVATIVES



Global warming: will back moves to cut emission of global warming gases by 10 per cent by 2010.

Recycling aims to increase the amount of household waste recycled to 25 per cent by 2000 with recyling facilities available to 80 per cent of homes by the same date.

Land and housing aims to have at least 60 per cent of 4.4 million new homes built on derelict or old land. Will promote

conversion of offices to flats and use of space above shops. Forestry: will double the amount of forest cover in Britain during the next 50 years.

Water: the regulator will-ensure that water companies reduce leaks substantially. Will set legally binding leakcontrol targets on companies if needed. Supports selective metering to reduce waste.

Wildlife: studying tax breaks for companies that support local environmental trusts conserving wildlife.

Green consumerism: will continue to back the Going For Green initiative, providing public advice on environmentally friendly living. Promises to increase energy and ecolabelling of goods. Will improve green labelling to make it dear and informative.

Environmental standards: will establish an Environmental Audit Commission to raise standards of green audits and reporting by firms and local authorities.

LABOUR



present county wildlife sites.

Global warming will cut greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent by

Recycling: has no targets for the level of household waste it will seek to recycle nor any for the availability of facilities. Has pledged to increase the

Land and housing: no targets for the reuse of derelict or old land.

Forestry: aims to double forest cover by the middle of next century but with interim target of 50 per cent increase by Water: opposes compulsory metering. Will ban domestic

disconnections by water companies and set mandatory leak Wildlife: will set up Sites of National Importance and Sites of Local importance, which may give stronger protection to

Green consumerism: plans to go further than the Conservatives by including mandatory labelling information of high-value goods detailing the energy used to make and operate them and the ways of disposing of the end product. Products that are tested on animals will be banned from gaining an eco-label.

Environmental standards: Labour will carry out green audit of government departments to ensure that policies reflect their environmental impact.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



Global warming: will aim to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent by 2010.

Recycling: will push for Europe-wide schemes that force manufacturers to make goods that are easier to recycle. Deposit refund schemes, like the old system for drinks bottles, will be extended.

Land and housing: will review forecasts on the need for 4.4 million new homes and use taxes to make developing greenfield sites more expensive than building on derelict ones. Forestry: long-term aim to double forest cover, but no date.

Would favour more conifer planting in uplands but within tight environmental criteria. Water: will force water companies to pay for national environmental projects. Excess profits will be rebated to

customers and ploughed into green schemes. Targets will

be set for reducing leaks. Wildlife: marine areas at high risk from accidents and oil spills will be designated with restrictions on shipping. New wildlife Bill to boost protection of habitat. Green consumerism: will cut VAT on energy-saving

appliances and materials to 8 per cent. Will push for Europe-wide scheme of energy and eco-friendly labelling. Environmental standards: will set targets for improving quality of life, such as cleaner air or limits on the growth of cars, to be reviewed in Parliament annually. Green issues will be merged with energy to form a new department.

THE FACTS

☐ Hedgerows in England and Wales have declined steadily over recent years, from \$63,000 kilometres in 1984 to 377,000 in 1993.

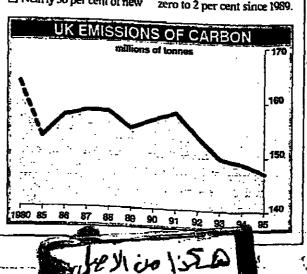
☐ Carbon emissions have fallen between 1980 and 1995 despite a rise in emissions from vehicles. In 1980 the UK emitted 163 million tonnes falling to 148.8 mijlion in 1994. Britain should easily stabilise emissions at 1990 level of 156.6 million tonnes by 2000 to meet international agreements.

☐ In 1996 90 per cent of British beaches met the basic European quality standards, up from 56 per cent in 1986. ☐ Nearly 50 per cent of new

agricultural, forestry and other greenfield land lost to building developments rose to 13,000 hectares a year between 1984 and 1990. \Box The number of Sites of Special Scientific Interest important wildlife habitats

- that have been damaged by development or neglect, has fallen from 253 in 1990-9) to 154 in 1994-95. The proportion of the

nation's electricity generated by renewable energy. such as wind and water power, has climbed from zero to 2 per cent since 1989.



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Voters praise Mowlam's courage over tumour

MO MOWLAM probably never thought of herself as an fron Lady, but yesterday, as news spread of her successful fight to beat a non-cancerous brain tumour, even Margaret Thatcher's fans were making complimentary comparisons.

Dr Mowlam, who is defending Redcar for Labour, was out canvassing in the neighbouring Tory marginal of Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland yesterday, and everywhere there were tributes for the way she had dealt with her problem. As Dr Mowlam spoke to Sunday lunchtime drinkers at Murphy's Bar in the mining hamlet of Loftus. Sandra Murphy. the Tory-voting landlady, declared: "She's a wonderful lady. I think Mrs Thatcher did a wonderful job and Marjorie Mowlam is from the same mould. She has guts and determination and she has been proomed very well for the position she is in. If she was the Labour leader I would vote for them without hesitation,"

The Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary was campaigning for Ashok Kumar, the Labour candidate in the key marginal who, in a 1991 by-

Press speculation about her weight gain forced Labour's Northern Ireland spokeswoman to come out publicly about her health, Paul Wilkinson writes

election won the seat, then known as Langbaurgh before minor boundary changes. At the 1992 general election. Michael Bates re-took the seat for the Tories and is defending

a notional majority of 1,500.

As Dr Mowlam walked through the spring sunshine, several locals approached her to wish her well after reading of her illness in the Sunday papers. Jenny Dickinson, said: "She is a credit to the Labour Party. It is amazing that she has bounced back so quickly. I have always ad-mired her determination in politics, but now she has shown that she has the same grit in her private life as well. Everyone admires her fantastic courage. She also happens

to be a superb MP." At Loftus Working Men's Club, most people were glued to the television coverage of the local team. Middles-brough. playing Chesterfield in the FA Cup semi-finals. Dr Mowlam sat and chatted about Boro's chances of reaching the finals.

She said that it had been important that press speculation about her did not distract her from the campaign. "I am relieved that all this is out in the open now so that I can forget about it and get on with winning the election."

She shrugged off hostile pieces that appeared in certain newspapers earlier this month which referred to her having suddenly put on weight and attributed it to her having given up smoking. The writers were unaware that it was steroid treatment that caused her to gain two stones.

"There was quite a lot in the newspapers, but in politics, you expect that," Dr Mowlam said. "They were not to know what was going on. I decided in the end I didn't want to lead people up the garden path; I

put it in the public domain. "I have been touched by the genuine concern of people in politics and the media."

She was grateful no one had twigged that her new bob was in fact a wig, replacing hair lost through chemotherapy. "It was a nightmare when people started paying me com-

pliments on my new hairstyle. Fighting the election camtign and winning it was one of the things that made me so very determined to push through my illness and I am looking forward to the rest of the campaign.

"Now, if my hair blows off, everyone will know why. Since the news broke, I have had an awful lot of flowers and cards. I went to the Mayor's Ball in Redcar on Saturday night and everyone wanted to give me a hug. It was wonderful. Friends have been asking why I didn't tell them what was going on. That is just the way I wanted to deal with the

Dr Kumar said: "She is known in the party for her gentleness, and I bet everyone wishes they could have someone like her in their team."



Mo Mowlam, Labour's Northern Ireland spokeswoman, campaigning yesterday

Tories seek BBC ban on Labour anthem

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Conservative Party wrote to Radio I yesterday demanding that it ban Things Can Only Get Better, the former chart-topping single by D:Ream adopted by Labour as its

campaign anthem.

The record is being rereleased on April 21, and the group's songwriter and lead singer Peter Cunnah. a Labour supporter, has promised part of the royal-

ties to the party. The Tories director of communications, Charles Lewington, said that he was concerned that by playing the record, the BBC would in effect be

paying royalties to Labour. Matthew Bannister, Radio I controller, replied that the song, which reached No I in 1994, could still be played on air if it reentered the Top 40. Until then it would not feature on the station's playlist because of its policy of not listing re-releases.

The illness that challenges 3,000 people a year



covery after surgery to remove a benign turnour from the covering of her brain will give incouragement to Mo Mowiam as she continues to campaign despite suffering the ide effects of radiotherapy and steroids.

Many brain tumours are he result of the secondary pread of malignant growths from elsewhere in the body. Fortunately there is no quesion of this having happened n Dr Mowlam's case.

There are many different pes of primary brain tumour, which sometimes grow in one of the structures within the skull. These turnours are rategorised as benign or malignant, but the division is based on the pathology of the rumour cells rather than the guarantee of a successful outcome, which can depend on the position of the growth within the brain as well as the nature of the cells.

The most common benign brain tumour is the meningioma, such as the one which affected Ms Somerville, the newscaster, and Elizabeth Taylor, the actress. The usual treatment for a meningioma is surgery: usually it can be removed in its entirety. If it cannot be removed completely without damaging surrounding structures, or if it recurs. treatment of the remnants rith radiotherapy may be decessary. The future outlook

is usually good.
The malignancy of tumours dassified as malignant varies from highly malignant gliomas, to other gliomas such as astrocytomas which are classified as being of low-grade malignancy. These are usually ireated by surgery or, if this is not possible, radiotherapy. The prognosis varies depending on factors such as the patient's age and the amount of the turnour which can be

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JULIA SOMERVILLES re- removed. Medulloblastomas. tumours affecting a different part of the brain, are treated by whole-head radiation, often with chemotheraphy at the same time. The prognosis in these cases, who are usually young, is good and the majority of patients have no further trouble for five years; in nearly 50 per cent of cases, the person is still problem-free ten years after the initial treatment.

Each year, more than 3,000 new cases of primary brain rimour, both benign and malignant, are treated in the United Kingdom, Many tients become aware of a brain tumour only because of a seizure. In other cases, the increasing pressure within the brain may cause severe headaches, usually worse each morning but improving as the day wears on. The headaches may be associated with dizziness, nausea, memory loss or personality change, particularly an uncharacteristic irritability. Other patients will have experienced changes in their vision, or a haemorrhage may have occurred into a rapidly growing turnour, giving stroke-like symptoms.

Dr Mowlam's increase in

weight is unlikely to be the direct result of radiotherapy unless it has upset the hormonal balance maintained by the pituitary gland at the base of the brain. Obesity is an almost invariable side-effect of heavy-dose steroid therapy. prescribed in these cases to prevent swelling around the

Dr Mowlam has done remarkably well, and has be-haved with much fortitude to continue her political life while weathering the notoriously unpleasant side-effects

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Being Portillo means never having to say you're sorry

here are two political races running in this election, the race for No 10 and the race for the leadership of the Conservative Party. And one of the stronger contenders for the Tory job, should John Major fail on May I, is Michael Portillo, who made a brief appearance on Sky's Sunday with Adam Boulton

It is easy to overlook the value of Sky News at election time. It broadcasts live all the party press conferences each

morning with no editorialising, providing an invaluable source of primary information.

Last week, for instance, it showed the testiness with which Labour deals with hostile press and this contrasted sharply with the atmosphere over at Central Office, where Major looked increasingly relaxed and enjoying life, like a man who genuinely

And because Sky has a small share of the audience compared to the terrestrial channels, politicians treat it with less care than they might. There was no question of TV WATCH

NICHOLAS WAPSHOTT

Portillo dropping his guard yester-day, for he is running for the leadership and his performance in this election is important. Although open about his Euroscepticism in private, he needs to be able to say to Tory activists that he remains loyal to Major to the

be blamed for contributing to the

He was impeccably dressed, as always, perhaps a little too fastidious for comfort, with a suit cut to stress the width of his shoulders and the pride in his chest. The boldness of his hairstyle, swept straight back and piled high like Madame de Pompadour, betrays a vanity that many Englishmen find disconcerting.

And all this was emphasised by

the shameless scruffiness of Boulton, whose hair is a stranger to the comb and whose suits look

Boulton went straight in. Portillo had failed to come clean about his hostility to a single currency in his election address; does this mean he is openminded or that he feels it doesn't matter? This matter doesn't matter all that much in this election," said Portillo. no doubt looking forward to the next, when he hopes he will be standing against Tony Blair. Instead, we should all be looking at the agenda for the European intergovernmental conference in Amsterdam in June, which he said was "as

line against Labour, so he cannot as if they have been hung on the blamed for contributing to the floor overnight.

important as Maastricht". If Labour won we would have a single defence policy. Westminster would ive powers to the Europarliament in Strasbourg and we would give up our veto in all manner or things.

Boulton persisted in trying to coax Portillo out into the open on the single currency. Is it possible to share a currency and maintain sovereignty? But Portillo is not yet ready to break ranks with Major. he is waiting for May too. "I'm just not getting into all these speculations," he said. So Boulton tried another tact. Why aren't you, like John Redwood - another leadership candidate waiting for defeat - apologising to the voters for the Government's errors? "You are sorry, aren't you?"

Portillo said he did regret that taxes had not come down, thought he left it unsaid that he regretted putting taxes up. "Do you not think a clearer apology would have cleared the decks for a more successful Tory campaign?" asked the man in the crumpled suit, and Portillo began to explain. Well, if I were a business man ..." "If you were a businessman you would have been sacked," chipped in Boulton, Precisely.

Muzzled dogs of the Left obey their master's voice

that do. So far in the campaign, the most prominent Labour left-wing critics of Tony Blair's leadership have been silent. But is this just campaigning opportunism, and will the dogs be barking again in three weeks after polling day, as the Tories argue? Or have they now lost their bite, as the Blair team

The low profile now of Dennis Skinner, Ken Livingstone, Jeremy Corbyn and the other comrades is not surprising. They do not want to be accused of rocking the boat and therefore jeopardising Labour's chances of election victory. Most have avoided contact with the national media. Mr Livingstone put out a public statement endorsing Mr Blair in sycophantic terms. A few of them also do not want to offend their more loyalist constituency Labour

Silent minority bites its tongue

By DANIEL McGrory AND IAN MURRAY

NOBODY in the Socialist Campaign Group, which represents far-Left concerns within the Labour Party, can be expected to be among the 100 so with front beach of junior ministry jobs. But its members believe they would be in a strong position to drag Labour back towards nationalisation, union recognition

and Euroscepticism. For now those on the hard Left are keeping their heads down. Normally robust and outspoken characters are resisting invitations to take part in television and radio debates, or to give interviews.

So far in this campaign the Labour hard Left has kept silent, writes Peter Riddell. But a Blair government might feel the bite when these sleeping dogs wake

Several have privately criticised Mr Blair and have said they will do so again after the election. But the Labour hard Left has been isolated and fragmented by Mr Blair's drive to change Labour. They have failed to prevent, or even either his organisational or policy changes. But the Labour Left has not

entirely toed the line. As Professor Philip Norton of Hull University, the leading chronicler of Commons dissent, has pointed out, 38 Labour MPs defied the leadership line and voted against the whip 20 or more times in the parliament just ended. All but six are standing for re-election, but most are older and

Eurosceptics. In contrast to what happened in the 1970s, the hard Left has not put forward a coherent alternative to Mr Blair's programme.

As the Tories are fond of pointing out, more Labour than Tory MPs voted against the Maastricht legislation. But the figures are not strictly comparable since the Tory tight whipping, while Labour backbenchers effectively enjoyed a free vote on this and

Some of these rebels would no doubt cause trouble for a Labour government, as many of them did for the Wilson and Callaghan administrations in the 1970s. However, there would be strong pressure from

constituency parties not to undermine a Labour government and Mr Blair has said he would take a tough line against any troublemakers in

the new parliament.

More significant than the declining and divided forces of the hard Left may be mainstream left-wing MPs who are currently backing Mr Blair for reasons of party loyalty and personal ambition. Such fairweather Blairites may be going along with the prevail-ing loyalist fashion, but their "old" Labour sympathies and connections, particularly over the public sector, might re-

The testing time would come if, or perhaps when, a Blair government hit trouble over the economy and public spending. Europe, and partic-ularly the issue of a single currency, would also cause difficulties. The familiar names on the Left can be an irritant but they are unlikely to



Silent minority: Skinner, Abbott, Benn and Grant are among far-Left Labour MPs keeping quiet. A Grant aide said: "He wants to see Blair win, end of story

that it was in coalition with new Labour. "The truth is that everyone is co-operating to win the election and afterwards people will raise the issues that concern them." he

Jeremy Corbyn, who is certain to retain Islington North, has conceded "there has been a kind of Trappism by the Left over the last two years". He said: "There will be frustra-

was prorogued. Tony Benn expenditure and there is going to be a big argument about the welfare state." Ronnie Campbell, defending Blyth Valley. said leftwingers had kept their want Labour to win".

Diane Abbott, defending Hackney North and Stoke Newington in north London, illustrated the new tactfulness when the suggestion was put to her that Campaign Group MPs should be drug-tested after May I to see if Mr Blair

Two days before Parliament tions on health and housing had given them anything to comment." This is what passes for an ad lib among the old

> Press statements from Bernie Grant's constituency office in neighbouring Tottenham are merely the official party releases with his name stuck on top.

> An aide said: "You won't tempt him to step out of line. He wants to see Blair win, end of story."

Tony Benn did hint that Mr Blair faces battles if Labour wins. Asked how he squared his views with new Labour policies, he said: "All political parties are coalitions. Our job is to form a new government and then after that we will see how things develop."

Had the Chesterfield MP

been gagged? "I haven't been gagged — I can say whatever I like, when I like. But I am not going to comment adversely." Even Dennis Skinner's local newspaper, the Derbyshire Times, has been unable to record any words by the man whose verbal exchanges in the Commons are legendary. Reporters had received no press

releases, policy statements or notice of public meetings. A party worker in neigh-bouring Chesterfield said: "He likes to campaign his way, on the doorstep with his people. He says he doesn't need publicity and he will do all his talking to the electorate."

ered for the next Parliament, an entirely new issue has yet to be tackled: how to avoid confusing the likely MPs for Wallasey and Liverpool Garston. If Angela and Maria Eagle are elected on May I, the Commons will have its first sister MPs, and its first twins. The

AMONG all the strategies being consid-

Yesterday, as they canvassed for the Merseyside seats, it was apparent that even locals have trouble telling them the same cherubic faces and similar hairstyles. Maria, a solicitor who is standing for Garston in place of the retiring Labour MP Eddie Loyden. said: "If I wander around Wallasey in a suit, people are guaranteed to think I am Angela. You have to decide very quickly

whether they have mistaken you and put them at their ease. We're used to it." Recently Maria attended a Labour fundraising dinner which Angela could not attend. Maria said: "Virtually everybody thought I was her. People from the leader's office were nodding but I had no idea who they were. Tony Blair has met us both and I think he could tell the difference. When he shook my hand, he said something which seemed to indicate he knew I wasn't Angela."

The Eagles are landing: Maria, left, and Angela, who said: "We are actually very different"

Merseyside twins are ready to

make the Commons see double

Carol Midgley meets two candidates in line to become the first sister MPs

Angela, who has sat in Parliament since winning Wallasey from Baroness Chalker in 1992 with a 3,800 majority. said: "Once Maria appeared on midweek came back, people in Parliament were raving about how wonderful I had been, which was fine by me. I even got some hate mail meant for Maria."

The twins were born in Formby, Merseyside, in 1961, the daughters of a printer. Both were child chess champions, played women's cricket for Lancashire, and won places at Oxford to study politics, philosophy and economics. At election in 1992. Both achieved a 3.5 swing, although that was not enough for Maria to take Crosby from the Tories. Angela, the older by 15 minutes, said:

We have never been competitive. Maria was not jealous that I became an MP first. She was genuinely thrilled." If they take their seats, their primary

concerns for their constituents will be housing and unemployment. Angela expects that the novelty of their twinship will fade: "It is nice to be the first at ing than we do. It is something about us, but it will be far from the main thing. We are actually very different. I am a lot more cautious, whereas Maria goes flying in

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boots first if she sees an injustice."

Maria adds: "We don't have twins' telepathy, but when you have been born with someone, grown up with them, you tend to know how they would react to



HOME CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR has rewarded Alan Johnson, the union leader who fought off Michael Heseltine's plans to privatise the Royal Mail. with a safe Labour seat.

Mr Johnson. 46, a former postman, is already being tipped for ministerial office should Labour win the election. The joint general secretary of the Communication Workers' Union was "parachuted" into Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle by the National Executive Committee after the resignation of Stuart Randall, Mr Randall, who had held the seat since 1983, stood down last week saying he wanted to spend more time with his family. Mr Johnson, 46, halted the

with a sophisticated and aggressive lobby campaign. He is at ease with the media and employed Margaret Thatcher's former PR chief, Sir Tim Beil, to fight Mr Heseltine's

Mr Johnson is on the Blairite wing of the party and helped the campaign against the Clause Four commitment to public ownership of

industry. His constituency has a notional Labour majority of 9,500. and his name has already been mooted for ministerial promotion, "He has got the experience of decision making, public speaking and taking responsibility. He is close to Mr Blair," a party

source said. The decision to enter Parliaand benefits. Mr Johnson's union package was worth £77,518 three years ago.

Born in 1950, he was educated at Sloane Grammar School in Chelsea and became a postman in 1968. He climbed the union ladder after being a UCW branch official in 1976, joined the union's executive council in 1981 and was national officer from 1987 until 1993 when he was elected

general secretary. The NEC also announced the candidates for two other seats where sitting MPs decided to resign after the announcement of the general election. Ross Crantson, a professor of law at the University of London, has been chosen to fight the safe Labour seat of Dudley North, where



Johnson: new job will mean cut in salary

John Gilbert stood down, Mr Cranston, 48, a barrister, is a member of the Society of Labour Lawyers and sits on the party's finance and industry committee. He was Labour's candidate for Richmond, North Yorkshire, in the

1992 general election. Tom Browne, a lawyer, is to stand in Kilmarnock and Loudon, Ayrshire, previously held by Willie McKelvey.

Labour shrugs off Scots calls

By Shirley English

bers in a ballot last year."

the agenda with delight as

evidence that old Labour was

very much alive and claimed

that Tony Blair would face a

"union ambush" if he became

Prime Minister. Ian Lang.

President of the Board of

Trade, said: "This is the beast

in the undergrowth. Whatever

gloss Mr Blair may put on it,

mined to get it."

LABOUR distanced itself yesterday from the Scottish Trades Union Congress, whose annual conference next weekend will hear calls to renationalise the railways and increase the powers of unions.

The preliminary agenda of

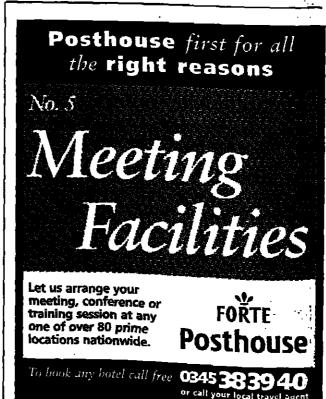
the Scottish TUC conference. which is to meet in Glasgow. includes demands for a national minimum wage of £4.50 an hour and the right to take secondary strike action. There are also calls for all workers to be eligible for employment rights from the first day of employment and for an incoming Labour government to raise spending on public services.

Yesterday Labour said that the STUC was a totally separate organisation and would get no special favours under a Labour government. Jack

McConnell, general secretary means that the silence mainof the Scottish Labour Party. tained by union leaders so far said: "Our attitude to employin the run-up to the election will be ended. John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, is expected to address the 550 ment rights and economic policy is laid out in our manifesto and will not change. It was supported by 95 per cent of Scottish party memdelegates on Sunday. The STUC, which has 700,000 members, about 40 per cent of The Conservatives seized on the Scottish workforce, re-

mains a respected and influential body in Scottish politics. Campbell Christie, STUC general secretary, said the agenda would not be finalised until Thursday and that it would have "no significance" for the Labour Party. "We are separate organisations. We do not control the Labour Party and the Labour Party does not control the unions," he said. They have said they will treat us with fairness and not

the agenda of the trade union movement keeps bursting through. They know what they want and they're deterfavours and we are perfectly The timing of the conference content with that."



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Times debate challenge

Lawyers forecast failure for Lib Dem lawsuit

ND PHILIP WEBSTER

MEDIA lawyers forecast yesterdy that any legal challenge mounted by the Liberal Democras to force their inclusion in an election debate staged between John Major and Tony Blai would be unlikely to

After clear indications from Labour strategists that Mr Blail is keen to take part in a debae to be staged by The Times, experts said that broadcasters would not be in breach of their duties if they covered it as a news event, although special arrangements would have to be made to give the Liberal Democrats similar air

The view of lawyers was that as newspapers are not bound by the same strict rules ever partiality of coverage as the broadcasters during an election campaign, any chall-enge would be hard to sustain. he BBC is bound by its Royal harter and ITV is bound by in impartiality clause in the oroadcasting legislation.
The Liberal Democrats

would be likely to seek to bring case on the basis that if cameras were admitted, then effectively broadcasters would be bound by their rules on election



Dobbs: suspicious of Labour factics

coverage. Geoffrey Robertson, QC, an expert in media and electoral law, said yesterday: The debate would be newsworthy event and I do not believe there would be any breach of the broadcasters' impartiality duties if they covered it as such. However if they wanted to make a feature programme of it, they would be well advised to allow Mr Ashdown a full opportunity to deal with the same issues, together with leaders of other parties whose concerns were

Meanwhile, a representative of the Labour leadership will hold talks with Peter Stothard, Editor of The Times,

London. A leadership source said: "If the details can be sorted out, Tony is keen to do

Although Mr Blair was 'chickening out" in response to Mr Major's earlier challenge for a debate, senior aides yesterday said that he wanted to take part if one could be arranged. Negotiators in both main parties believe that the Liberal Democrats' objections could scupper the plan.

Liberal Democrat sources are fiercely opposed to *The Times's* plan, which they say freezes out Paddy Ashdown. One Liberal Democrat source said: "He is not to be treated like a dog left outside in the

Michael Dobbs, who is handling negotiations for the Tories, was sceptical about Labour's tactics and motives. He said: "Two weeks ago the Labour Party broke off negotiations for the debate because they said that Paddy Ashdown did not have enough time. Now they have agreed to discuss the proposals by The Times which gives Paddy Ashdown no time at all. If their conversion is genuine, I am delighted.

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Blair focuses on education change

chosen Birmingham today as the venue for Tony Blair's key speech on education. Not only is the area replete with marginals, but the city is also the test bed for many of the party's policies on

When John Patten was Education Secretary he frequently cited Birmingham as a city unfit to run its own education service. Examination results were poor and, in contrast to other metropolitan areas, there had been a rush to opt out of local authority control.

This morning, Mr Blair will quote approvingly from a battery of initiatives which have lifted both morale and performance in their city's schools. Manifesto proposals such as the setting of tough targets for schools and the use of tests at five as a base line for measuring individual and institutional performance are already working in Birmingham.

Other projects such as the Children's

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Age, which bring pupils of various ages on to campus for summer schools and use distant learning to maintain their interest throughout the year, are being watched closely by Labour advisers.

The inspiration behind most of these schemes is Tim Brighouse, the city's Chief Education Officer, who has won an adulatory following among the majority of teachers in Birmingham.

Professor Brighouse's mantra for raising standards is improving on previous best, the title of the education authority's booklet describing its initiatives. Schools are grouped into "families" with similar catchment areas and their results examined dosely.

The city's initiatives are paying off in primary schools, too. Sladefield Infants School, in another predominantly Asian part of the city, has seen its reading scores rise dramatically since beginning base line testing and producing its own

reading scheme. In a departure from past practice, the school now has 15 children in a fast-track group, as well as providing extra help for slow learners.

Professor Brighouse shies away from

comparisons with Labour policy, arguing that some of Birmingham's initiatives also appear in the Conservative manifesto. But, as a Labour administration with grammar and grant-maintained schools within its boundaries, the parallels are irresistible.

Whether the city represents a hopeful model for the country is more questionable. The improvement in examination results is faster than the national average, but the city remains in the bottom quarter at both primary and secondary level, and there are more schools from Birmingham than any other authority at the very bottom of the tables. Professor Brighouse admits that his methods are yet to pay off in some schools, although

Majors enjoy a break from fray

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

JOHN MAJOR brought his daughter Elizabeth into the election limelight for the first time yesterday as she joined her parents to watch the London Marathon.

The Prime Minister looked at ease as he sipped lager on the balcony of a Docklands pub, although his business shirt and tie seemed rather formal among the casuallydressed Cockneys enjoying the sun. Miss Majur, 25, a veterinary nurse, who was accom-panied yesterday by with her boyfriend Luke Salter, is rarely seen at official occasions.

Miss Major and Mr Salter flew with Mr and Mrs Major by helicopter to Docklands. and then travelled by launch past some of the buildings in South Quay damaged by the bomb that ended the IRA ceaselire last year.

The family were greeted by Lord Cocks of Hartcliffe, vice chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation, who led them through excited onlookers before the first runners had reached the 17-mile mark. "They both said it was lovely for so many people to get together and nobody saying anything nasty or com-plaining about anything." the

Labour peer said. The Majors, whose trip had been arranged by Conservative Central Office, were guests of the LDDC which hosts an annual reception at the City Pride to offer privileged views of the marathon.

Brevity is the soul of fight

LABOUR will this week circu- looks more like an annual late five million copies of a magazine that boils down policy points in an attempt to popularise the party's mani-

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will soon be dropping through letterboxes in marginal constituencies. The magazine's cover portrait - beatific prime minister-in-waiting — is in sharp contrast to the Labour leader's rather troubled expression on the front of the

There is no appreciable difference in language and none at all on policy, says Walworth Road. However, the two formats are chalk and

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I'm impressed by Tony Blair's understanding of the importance of business" -- Sir Terence: "I'm going to vote Labour. It's the right choice for Britain" - Gerry Robinson, chief executive of Granada: "new Labour has the dynamic cutting edge that only the best businesses have. Labour is definitely a party that business can do business with" - Ms Roddick.

Labour sources describe the magazine as "a shorter more populist version of the manifesto with an attractive design". Suggestions that the message is being simplified for a disenchanted electorate are firmly rejected.

"We are taking the high ground in this campaign. Hope will drive out the Tories* fear-mongering. The public better. They still firmly believe that only new Labour will make it so." Peter Mandelson. the party's campaign manag-"As part of our heightened

campaign effort we are unveiling a set of positive posters to promote our key pledges of smaller class sizes, shorter waiting lists, action to tackle youth and long-term unemployment, a crackdown on juvenile crime and income tax rates kept the same for the duration of the next parliament.

"We are also releasing this magazine which popularises our manifesto. We have produced five million copies of this magazine to distribute around the country, describing the better future for all with new Labour and the leadership at home and in Europe that a new Labour

"This contrasts starkly with the continuing divisions and drift in the Conservative Party. Sunday's papers bring fresh revelations of the Tories' with an attempt to corrupt the working of the electoral system in Lincoln and the trade in honours that has disfigured

the Tory party. "The disintegrating state of the Tory party is no better demonstrated than in its deepening split over Europe," Mr Mandelson said.

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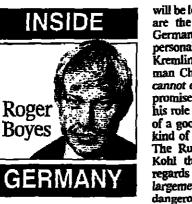
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Yeltsin braced for cold douche of reality at Big Splash summit with Kohl

R ussians have long dipped their toes in the exclusive waters of Baden Baden. Tsar Alexander I stopped off for a paddle on his way to Paris in

Boris Yeltsin follows in this path on Wednesday, taking a pa summit with Helmut Kohl. A few years ago, when Mr Yeltsin's health was less fragile, the two men sat in the sauna together.

Now protocol specialists hint at an even more frightening vision; a swim in the bubbling springs. Given the combined weight - even after the German Chancellor's Easter diet the two men



probably approaches 41st this may go down as the Big Splash summit, a nightmare for hydrophobic bodyguards.
The effect on world politics

German relations could be personally regulated by a Kremlin leader and the German Chancellor. Mr Yeltsin cannot deliver much and his promises are of limited value: his role abroad is barely that of a goodwill ambassador, a kind of Slav Princess Royal. The Russian will tell Herr Kohi that his country still regards Nato's eastward enlargement as flawed and angerous but that Russians are learning to accept the

"It is now a question of adding more sugar to our tea," a shrewd Russian ob-

will be less devastating. Gone are the days when Russo-Berlin. The Germans would dearly like to believe that, and are standing ready with an open sugar bowl

> Tor reasons of sentiment towards Poland, I have always favoured Nato enlargement. To rule it out for fear of Russian upset seems to be a particularly poor reading of modern or more distant history. Russians should be reassuring us and not the other way around. But there is no expanding Nato. Soon the most energetic members of the Partnership for Peace

(PFP) programme will be full mentation Force without ex-members of the Western alliance. Where does that leave the rejected states? What happens to borders and to relations between neighbouring "Ins" and "Outs"?

A "senior level" group within Nato has been working on different ideas. PFP states further back in the queue could be given the chance of playing a more active part in Nato committees. They could be given a home in Brussels, rather than in dreary Mons. They should and could be drawn more closely into Bosnian peace mission planning - 13 PFP states participated in the international ImpleAmericans are promoting an Atlantic Partnership Council to upgrade the status of the aspirant countries.

Yet, as Karl-Heinz Kamp of the Konrad Adenauer Institute points out, boosting the position of remaining Nato candidates after the first round of enlargement will stir up a new uncomfortable debate about neutrality in Sweden and Switzerland. They want military co-operation with the alliance without affecting their political neutrality. The answer to this and other dilemmas suggests Herr Kamp is to review the

unity guarantee.

uring the Cold War. Sweden was strictly neutral, yet since the mid-1950s has maintained contacts with Nato that allow it to make its army compatible with the Western alliance. In a war Sweden could have slipped quickly into alignment with Nato. Moscow knew this and its military planners reckoned that Stockholm would in effect become the seventeenth member of Nato. Something similar can be dreamed up for the disappointed East Europeans. Security guarantees emerge as

whole idea of the Nato sec-much out of practice and military co-operation as from the fixed written articles of the Nato treaty, says Herr

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The Russians will resist he idea, as they have resisted everything else; they will se economic clout to woo Slovakia and any other wavering East Europeans. But the West should not be unnerved. The Russians have many talents and are capable of diplomatic charm. But as Dostoevsky, Turgenev and Baden Baden croupiers can testify, they are rotten gamblers. Enlargement is a dene deal and the Russians have a losing hand.

Iran intelligence official linked to US barracks blast

said. Unaware that his phone was being tapped, Mr Sayegh allegedly disclosed details of the bombing and mentioned

Mr Sayegh has been identi-

fied as a "direct participant" in

the bombing in Canadian

court papers, which describe

him as the alleged driver of a

getaway car that accompanied

the petrol tanker laden with

explosives. He is alleged to

belong to Saudi Hezbollah.

militant Shias supported by

Iran. Mr Sayegh, who is awaiting a deportation hear-

Brigadier Sherifi was said to

be responsible for organising

Hezbollah cells in several

Arab Gulf countries. He was

implicated in last year's trial

in Bahrain of 15 Shia dissi-

dents who were convicted of

hotel and restaurant bomb-

ings in which more than 20

ing, has denied any role.

others in the plot.

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A SENIOR Iranian intelligence official was linked yesterday to a group of Shia Muslims suspected of bombing a military barracks in Saudi Arabia last year. Nineteen American servicemen died and more than 500 people

Brigadier Ahmad Sherifi. a top official of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, was said to have met a Saudi Shia Muslim who is under arrest in Canada as a suspect for the bombing. If Iran's involve-ment is confirmed, President Clinton will be under pressure to take military or economic action against Tehran's Islamic Government, considered in Washington to be the world's foremost sponsor of interna-

The revelation came as the rift between Iran and the West deepened. Hundreds of thousands of angry Iranians demonstrated outside the German Embassy in Tehran in protest over a German court decision blaming Iran's top leadership for the political killings of three Kurdish dissidents and another man in a Berlin restaurant in 1992. Protesters outside the embassy raised clenched fists and chanted: "Death to Fascist Germany, servant of Zionism." Tehran radio said that marches were held in other cities and protests would continue for sev-

Iran recalled its ambassadors from European Union member states, all of which, with the exception of Greece, had brought home their am-bassadors from Tehran for consultations. Until recently, Bonn was Tehran's biggest trade partner and closest Western friend.

Arab sources told The Washington Post that evidence of Iranian links to the Shias suspected of the Saudi bombing included cheques signed by Brigadier Sherifi. Much of the information came from telephone calls between Hani Abd Rahim Sayegh, the Saudi arrested in Canada four weeks ago, and his family in

people died. A leading dissident confessed that Brigadier Sherifi, also known as Abu Jalal, helped him to form the terror-Saudi Arabia, the newspaper ist group. They trained first at Camp Karg, north of Tehran, and then moved to Hezbollah camps in the Bekaa Valley, an area under Syrian control in eastern Lebanon. American officials are convinced the Saudi militants took the same route, but one official said there was not yet sufficient evidence for a criminal

> prosecution. A second US Air Force investigation has exonerated all senior officers responsible for security at the bombed barracks. Khobar Towers. near Dhahran, although the perimeter fence was only 35 yards from the building. It said nine commanders had performed their duties as well as could be expected, given the limited intelligence available.



The Pope, assisted by Bosman Cardinal Vinko Pujic, releases doves during Mass in Kosovo stadium yesterday

Turin Shroud blaze 'arson'

FROM RICHARD OWEN

ITALIAN investigators : said yesterday that the fire which nearly destroyed the Turin Shroud at the weekend and left much of Turin's 15th century cathedral in ruins. may have been arson.

Police said a mystery tele. phone caller had given to warning half an hour before the blaze started that there: might be a fire" in the cathedral. An empty petro: can was later found abandoned in the palace gardens. Investigators said the fire alarms had been switched of and there was no nigh-

watchman. However, they also said tha, the Guarini chapel, where the Shroud was kept in a silver. casket beneath bullet-proof glass, was undergoing resto ration, including rewiring and the fire could have been caused by a short circuit.

The Shroud, said to br imprinted with the image of Christ's body after the Cruci-fixion, was saved by Maric Trematore, a fireman, who has become a national hero:

Sarajevo explosives 'no threat to the Pope'

FROM TOM WALKER IN SARAJEVO

A FORMER Muslim paramilitary claimed yesterday that 23 anti-tank mines discovered on the Pope's route into Sarajevo were planted in 1992 as

Serb forces threatened the city centre. The continued mystery of how such a massive quantity of explosives could have eluded police and Stablisisation Force (Sfor) troops on the most heavily guarded road into the city overshadowed the visit, although the Pope continued undaunted yesterday, celebrating Mass in a snowstorm in the Kosovo football stadium.

The Muslim fighter, Senad, told The

attempt was ridiculous. "It's stupid pitch was half empty. reiterated his deep regret over the because my unit put the mines there. Much of the 80 per cent Muslim city cancellation of his planned visit in Serbs were going to come into the heart

of Sarajevo," he said. While international and local authorities continued investigating the discovery - yards from the television station and near the United Nations police station - the Pope told his outdoor congregation that "Sarajevo has become the symbol of the suffering of the whole of Europe". After touring the stadium in his "Popemobile", the pontiff made slow progress up steps to his yellow podium. Attendance for the Mass, believed to be about 40,000, was

was clearly indifferent to his visit and several policeman said that they resented wearing an identity badge with a smiling Pope on the reverse. The most fervent pilgrims on the terraced seating were the Herzegovinian Croats; two monks danced above the Pope's enclosure with the Croatian chequerboard flag, an inflammatory gesture in a nation that is being torn apart by Croatian-Muslim tensions. By contrast the Bosnian fleur-de-lys

was hardly seen. In his address the Pope said Sarajevo's name had been "on his lips and in

Times that talk of a foiled assassination lower than expected, and the footballer his heart throughout the war, and he 1994, when Bosnian Serbs threatened ∙to shoot down his aircraft. He questioned the war roles not of the three: main communities, but of the watching international community, and the European Union in particular: "Europe took part in it as a witness." he said. "But we must ask ourselves: wasit always a fully responsible witness?" Mirza Hajric, the spokesman for Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian President, said that despite the mineincident the Pope's visit had been a success. "Everything has gone even better than we had hoped," he said.

Netanyahu starts talks with Labour on unity coalition

Thousands of Iranians protesting outside the German

Embassy in Tehran yesterday over a Berlin court ruling

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, held secret talks 11 days ago with Shimon Peres, the opposition Labour leader, about forming a government of national unity. Israel radio announced

yesterday.

The disclosure follows days of media speculation that Mr Netanyahu would make an offer to Labour after next week's Passover holiday.

In a series of interviews, the Israeli leader confirmed that he was seriously toying with the idea of forming a broad-based unity coalition in order to take the hard decisions necessary to reach a final peace settlement with the Palestinians. He has proposed to President Clinton that these talks should be over a sixmonth period rather than the two years envisaged in the 1993 peace accord.

Political commentators said that a unity government would enable Mr Netanyahu to take hard decisions about the peace process which he would be unable to pass through his present rightwing coalition. An Israeli offer last month to pull troops out of

a further 9 per cent of the West Bank barely scraped through his 18-member Cabinet. Yet Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, rejected the offer as derisory and claimed that he had been expecting around 30

per cent. The Clinton Administration is known to favour the creation of a broad-based coalition. Mr Netanyahu said he believes there is "a majority in the country in favour of a final arrangement with the Pales-tinians, but in the current Government and coalition there is no such majority

His decision to float the idea of a unity government caused deep rifts in the ranks of Labour, which is due to meet in June to elect a new leader. If a formal offer is made before then, Mr Peres, 74, would get a major Cabinet post - possi-bly as "Peace Minister".

An Israeli soldier, a security guard and an Arab woman were injured yesterday when a Palestinian woman arriving in the occupied West Bank from Jordan opened fire with a handgun. She had just passed through a Jordanian

Croatia poll paves way for exodus of Serb remnant

By Tom Walker

CROATIA held its first postwar elections yesterday - for many of its dwindling Serb population this was their last vote in a fiercely nationalist state desperate to shed its The municipal elections are the prerequisite to a pullout by the 5,000 United Nations

troops that currently safe-guard the Serbs clinging precariously to an hourglassshaped territory bordered by the Danube in Croatia's northeastern tip, Eastern Slavonia. An exodus of up to 50,000 Serbs is feared this summer as Croatian rule is enforced in the region - an inevitable, lingering shockwave of the Yugoslav war. The UN administrator for East Slavonia,

- points more to a nation

secured in its Balkan past.

President Tudjman has spent

Jacques Klein, yesterday said polling would continue today to allow Serbs making late registrations for Croatian citizenship to vote. Croatia's conduct in Eastern Slavonia is seen as a litmus test of its claims to be a European nation. But the election campaign — awash with hatred and historical rhetoric

tour of his 4.7 million people, cutting ribbons on new motorways and bridges and extolling the virtues of his conservative nationalist party, the HDZ. He openly describes the Social Democratic Opposition as "the enemy", and HDZ television commercials have linked them to Second World War atrocities.

About 70,000 Serbs have always lived in Eastern Slavonia, and another 50,000 arrived during the war, displacing 68,000 Croats in the process. These Croats have spent the last five years in hotel rooms in Zagreb and elsewhere, and they see the elections as a milestone in President's Tudiman's promise to bring them back to their homes. Diplomats fear a wave of



Serb refugees reminiscent of those seen in the aftermath of Operation Storm in 1995, in which the Croatian Army took back the Krajina and Western Slavonia.

Unlike then, however, new Serb refugees would have few places to go - President Milosevic has locked Serbia's borders as it struggles with the 600,000 refugees it already has, and bankrupt Bosnian Serb territory is uninviting.

"The options are awful." said Phil Arnold, spokesman for the UN force in Eastern Slavonia force. "Everybody is telling these people to stay, but there are Serbs who say they can only live on Serb territory, or they cannot live in a country that killed their parents in World War Two."

Among the first Serbs to go will be 150 alleged war criminais" recently named by President Tudiman's Government. The wanted list has no official approval from the International War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugolsavia in The Hague, and has strained the already edgy relationship between Zagreb and Washington, where Croatia's human rights record is coming under

Prodi gets rapturous welcome in Albania

By Richard Owen

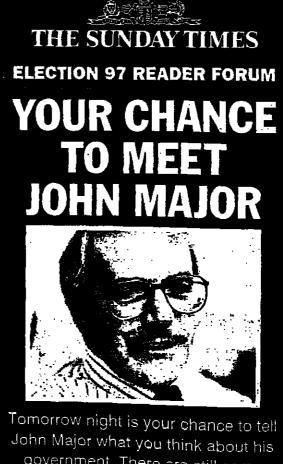
ROMANO PRODI, the Italian Prime Minister, was given a rapturous reception yesterday in the rebel-held southern stronghold of Vlore, where he announced that the bulk of the 6,000-strong Italian-led intervention force would arrive

Albanians also gave a warm welcome to King Leka I, son of the late King Zog, who was greeted by thousands when he arrived in Tirana from Johannesburg. He called for the restoration of the monarchy, calling it a unifying force.

Professor Prodi arrived by helicopter for talks with Bashkim Fino, the Albanian Prime Minister. Despite earlier anti-Italian feeling, thousands cheered his motorcade as it drove into Vlore, where the Prime Minister addressed a crowd of 10,000. He later held talks in Tirana with

President Berisha. Signor Prodi expressed condolences to relatives of those killed on Good Friday when Albanian refugees were drowned after a collision with an Italian naval vessel. He hoped the Italian mission would help to resore law and order. "The mission is called Sunrise," he said. "It could be the dawn of a new Albania." The force was "coming in peace" and would not intervene in Albanian politics.

Beniamino Andreatta, Italy's Defence Minister, said if the troops — whose presence threatens Italy's ruling coalition - were attacked while protecting the distribution of aid, they would fire back.



government. There are still some tickets available for this important event, which is a unique opportunity for readers of The Times and The Sunday Times to have a say in the general election campaign with the most powerful man in the country

The Prime Minister will speak for about 20 minutes. before answering questions from the audience. The event, to be held in central London tomorrow. April 15, will take place between 8pm and 3.30pm. Tickets, which must be booked by telephone, are £10 each (£7.50 for students, pensioners and unemployed).

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French launch cyberspace war against English

sites communicating in English to halt cultural "colonialisation" on the World Wide Web, according to Jacques Toubon, the Justice Minister (Adam Sage writes). "If we do nothing, it will be too late." he tells the American magazine US News and World Report in an interview

published today. His comments come

amid mounting alarm in Paris over the

dominance of English. Studies show that less than 5 per cent of sites use "le français", with even French firms ignor-

ing the language.

M Toubon is at the forefront of the struggle. In 1994, when Minister of Culture, he was nicknamed Jack Allgood after introducing a wide-ranging Bill to curb English in the media. His legislation was denounced as unlawful by

France's highest court and he had to make do with a limited law requiring foreign-language advertisements to be translated into French.

However, he appears determined to apply the law to cyberspace and has backed the Association for the Defence of French, which is suing America's Georgia Institute of Technology for broadcasting in English on its French web site.

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Rebels push on as Mobutu magicians work no miracles

FROM SAM KILEY IN KINSHASA

THE military governor of Zaire's capital, Kinshasa, yesterday issued a desperate appeal for calm after the threeday deadline set by rebels for President Mobutu Sese Seko to step down expired.

General Amela Lokima made a radio and television broadcast to avoid parity arms rumours that the guerrillas had started to infiltrate the before Mr city. The day before Mr Mobutu had agreed to open

direct negotiations with Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader. In Goma, the rebels again demanded the President's rescommissioner in the rebel alliance, told a news conference that Mr Kabila would probably go to South Africa to spur negotiations on Mr Mobutu's departure. "We have decided we won't give Mobutu another chance," he said. "We want him to leave the country, and then we can negotiate a ceasefire."

At the weekend the President, his lower lip quivering as he offered to negotiate with those who have swallowed most of his country, said: "I have been stabbed in the back. What has happened has hapignation, adding that they were resuming the civil war.

Bizima Karaha, foreign affairs

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However, the spread of his cancer and the parallel col-

WHO declares epidemic

Nairobi: A cholera epidemic was declared yesterday among Rwandan Hutu refugees in rebel-held eastern Zaire. The declaration threatens to cause a long delay in the planned airlift to repatri-

ate the refugees.

The senior local official of the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the epidemic after five cholera deaths last week in the Kasese 2 refugee site, 17 miles south of Kisangani. About 50,000 Rwandan refugees are

camped there, with a similar number in makeshift camps further south. "Up to April 9 in the Kasese

2 site we had recorded 120 cases requiring hospital treatment, of whom five died," Leonard Kinuani, a WHO official from Kisangani, said, "This formal declaration of an epidemic will delay the repatriation until it is brought under control." He said it might take a month to declare the refugee site free of cholera. (Reuter)

lapse of his Government has more to do with the President's reliance on witch doctors for his physical and political survival than the betrayal of his countrymen and former allies in the West. Abandoned after the end of the Cold War by his Washington friends, Mr Mobutu turned to voodoo priests for guidance.

By 1991, when he agreed to

allow opposition parties to

campaign and open a "nat-ional conference" that would decide a new constitution, the President, now 66, had embarked on a mystical journey. After three decades of absolute power, during which he was defended against secessionist uprisings by French, Belgian and Moroccan troops, and he awarded himself the title of "Marshal" and "the Great Guide", Mr Mobutu began to see power ebbing away. Fearing that his army, and even his ceremonial bodyguard of pygmies, could turn against him, he flew 25 West African voodoo priests from Benin and Senegal to his palace in Kinshasa. One told him he "would never be deposed so long as he lived on water".

The President immediately moved his home and offices to the Camanyola, a former Belpaint shone from every fitting gian steamer moored at Nsili and picture frame. The cutlery · a safe 25 miles from his was highly polished brass.



capital. "He never took a decision without first speaking with the marabouts [priests]." a staff member said. The Camanyola, still moored on the Congo, was fitted out in Mr Mobittu's well-known kitsch: gilt-and-white gloss

When his enemies looked as if they might pose a serious threat, he organised un grand pillage. Members of his "elite" special presidential division -

derived largely from being the only unit to be paid regularly - were ordered to loot specific industries and businesses. In 1991, and again in 1993, parts

of Kinshasa were torn to pieces. "It was a question of prov-

ing his point that après moi there would be a deluge." said a Belgian businessman who lived through the looting festivals. While his "rule by chaos" showed some interest in Zaire's affairs, by 1994 the President had ceased to bother even to make trouble. He moved from the Camanyola to his jungle palace at Gbadolite. close to the Central African Republic. There he tried to fight prostate cancer with the help of voodoo priests. They failed, forcing Mr Mobutu to seek help in Switzerland and France to save his life.

"Laurent Kabila and his

backers [in Rwanda and Ugandal saw their opportuniand did indeed stab the President in the back. But they also exposed the myth of the Zairean state: it was as riddled with cancer as Mobutu's body," a European Ambassador said yesterday.

"No magic can save it now. Probably not even talks."



Row over Clinton cartoon

New York: The British editor of the National Review was jostled by Asian-American students at Yale University over a controversial cartoon on the magazine's cover depicting the Clintons as slant-eyed Chinese coolies garb (James

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John O'Sullivan, who was unhurt, has been accused of racism for lampooning the Clintons as "Manchurian Candidates" for their links to Chinese campaign funds.

Body parts left in sacks

Brussels: The discovery of two plastic sacks holding body parts near Mons is further evidence of a serial killer, Pierre Honore, the Belgian town's Public Prosecutor, said. The sacks, containing a head, foot and shin, were by the roadside. At least nine other sacks have been found in the area since March, all with pieces of three or four women inside. (Reuter)

Briton gets cash prize

New York: Nick Carter. 69, the Briton who helped to create the London-based Environmental Investigation Agency, the world's first enforcement body to fight the illegal wildlife trade, will today receive a \$75,000 (£46,000) Gold-man Environmental Prize. He was the first person to document pirate whaling

Taleban jails shopkeeper

Kabul: Taleban police beat and jailed a shopkeeper who sold food to a jobless woman in the Alghan capital. Taleban's strict Islamic law forbids links between men and women who are not related. Women may not go out in public unless they are covered from head to toe and accompanied by a male relative. (AP)

Generation gap skipped

Tampa: Diana Ugenti. 58. became a surrogate mother for her daughter and son-in-law, by giving birth to 6lb 90z Shawn Erik Kihn, her own grandson, here. Donna Kihn, her daughter, was unable to carry her own child after suffering 10 miscar-rizges. (AFP)

Congress ripped apart by fall of **Delhi** coalition

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA expects to know this week if it is to have its second general election within a year or if another coalition can be put together from the wreckage of the Government that fell in Friday's confidence vote.

Either way, the greatest casualty will be the Congress party, which led the country to independence in 1947 and has ruled it for most of the past half century. The party faced unprecedented vilification by editorial writers and columnists yesterday, with many declaring it morally dead. The debacle it created by bringing down the Government in a power bid will further erode it as a central political force.

Congress proved a fickle parliamentary ally, beset by internal feuds and rotten with financial scandal. There is anger within its ranks and across the political spectrum because it brought down the Government for no reason of policy or ideology but because Sitaram Kesri, its elderly president, decided without consultation to launch his only

chance for power. The party's central working committee, the principal policy-making body, is to meet today to consider the repercussions of Mr Kesri's disastrous move. Congress MPs are furious with him, and the leadership may find it hard to

prevent a backbench revolt. He still seems bent on trying to form a new coalition government with himself as Prime Minister.

The party is demoralised by its accelerating disintegration as India approaches its liftieth anniversary of independence, which ought to have been a ation responsible for achieving it. Instead, it has had to endure such withering weekend headlines as: "Congress --RIP." And, using exceptional language, even by the standards of India's forthright press, a magazine editorial described the country's politicians as whores.

☐ Jammu: Indian troops were placed on high alert along the disputed Kashmir frontier as they traded fire with Pakistani forces for the fourth successive day yester-day, officials said. The increased tensions came a day after at least two Indians, one a child, were killed and eight others injured in the shooting. Unconfirmed reports put the toll at four.

It also comes amid renewed dialogue between India and Pakistan which culminated in last week's meeting between the foreign ministers of the two countries. (AFP)

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Minister on Friday, at a Sikh ceremony yesterday

Gingrich: still taxed by personal problems

Gingrich toys with tax cheats amnesty

FROM IAN BRODIE

AN AMNESTY for America's tax cheats will be considered Republican leaders in Congress.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, said yesterday that the proposal would be a oneoffopportunity for taxpavers to clear the board by paying their arrears. After that, stiffer penalties would be levied against those who broke the rules.

An amnesty would raise several billion dollars and allow even greater reductions for honest taxpayers, Mr Gingrich said during an appearance on the Fox News Sunday television programme. The idea has already been tried successfully in several states.

Mr Gingrich said Republicans were also proposing cuts in capital gains taxes on savings and job creation schemes. He promised other cuts in estate taxes and a tax credit of \$500 (£300) for couples with a child.

Mr Gingrich was continuing his re-emergence after avoiding the spotlight for four months, an absence that annoyed conservatives looking to him for leadership. Mr Gingrich explained that he had been thinking over future

He still faces the problem of how to pay the \$300,000 penalty imposed by the House ethics committee for using taxexempt money for political purposes. Most of his assets are in the name of his wife, Marianne, who is reportedly against dipping into them to pay the penalty.

debate, and the consensus is

that it is better for the dancers

to wear tops," said a spokes-

Dance of the diplomatic veils

FROM CATHERINE FIELD IN HONG KONG

ORGANISERS of a nightclub show for Chinese Communist Party officials here went to special lengths to ensure their guests were not provoked by excess nudity. Kno Body. Tara Carambole, Looky Boop and three other nude dancers from Par-

is's Crazy Horse Saloon, were

flown out to Hong Kong to

put on an exclusive perfor-mance last night for officials

of the Xinhua news agency. China's mouthpiece and its de facto consulate here. But they followed strict

instructions to keep their breasts covered, in the apparent fear that the VIP guests might see nipples and die of embarrassment. "We won't show anything that should not be shown in China. We will wear our normal costumes, but the nipples will be covered up," said Crazy Horse dancer Keemy Tarmac.

"There has been a great

man for the French Asian Arts Society, organising the event to raise money for the Guimet Museum, a Paris institution dedicated to Asian art. Tables at the Grand Hyatt

Hotel's ballroom were sold for up to HK\$70.000 (£5,833) each. The Crazy Horse created a special routine for the show, including a tribute to the handover called God Save Our Bareskins.

Stars turn their backs on Democrats

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

HOLLYWOOD'S most influential fundraising group, whose members include Barbra Streisand and Jane Fonda, has taken the drastic step of dissolving itself in protest over the escalating role of money in American politics.

In a move that will come as stinging rebuke to a White House mired in fundraising controversy. The Hollywood Women's Political Committee declared at the weekend: "We will no longer collaborate with a system that promotes the buying and selling of political

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form of ritual suicide at a final meeting in Beverly Hills after raising some \$6 million over more than a decade with starstudded galas benefitting Mr Clinton's two election campaigns and a host of liberal causes dear to Hollywood.

It would be "hypocritical" to go on raising money for a system the group considered corrupt, an committee spokeswoman said. "As long as you are participating you are freezing the system from changing," Margery Tabankin, a former director, told the Los

The group committed a Founded in 1984, the group to sign a Republican-drafted in the Lincoln Bedroom.

made headlines two years later with a lavish party and concert at Ms Streisand's Malibu home at which the hostess sang and \$1.5 million was raised for Democratic candidates, a record for a

single night. Over the next decade Michelle Pfeiffer, Whoopi Goldberg, Goldie Hawn and Tom Hanks were among stars who lent their names to the group's fundraising efforts and its radical stands on such issues as abortion and welfare reform.

President Clinton's decision

dismayed many of Hollywood's most reliable Democratic donors. But the current furore over Mr Clinton's fundraising for his 1996 campaign appears to have been the last straw. "I don't know a wealthy

welfare reform Bill last year

Democrat who isn't embarrassed about it," Ms Tabankin said. The embarrassment may have more to do with privacy than principle. Ms Streisand's name is on the much-scrutinised list of prominent donors to Democratic campaigns who has slept recently

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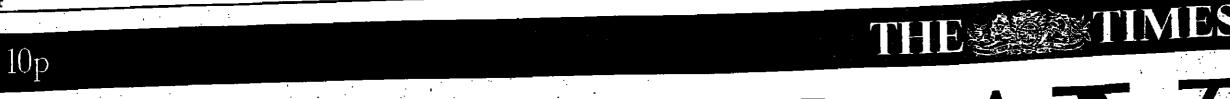
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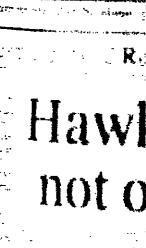
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Counting down the seconds

e measure our lives by the vibrations of a caesium atoms. They follow a beat faster than the pulse of the blood, the tick of a mechanical clock or the oscillations of the crystals of quartz in a wrist watch. Each second they vibrate more than nine billion times, measuring time with an uncanny precision. In a million years, the best atomic clocks lose or gain less than a single second. Yet clocks a hun-

dred or a thousand times more accurate may soon be possible. The closer the millennium comes, the more aware we become of time. Clocks that count down the seconds until the year 2000 have been set up in London, Paris and other cities. But the paradox is that the more accurately we measure time, the less absolute it seems: not so much a law of nature as a

human construct designed to help us to make sense of the world. The last time a millennium was celebrated, the mechanical clock had yet to be invented. The days were measured by the Sun, the hours by sundials or water-clocks. The Chinese astronomer Su Sung is said to have invented a waterpowered clock, which was controlled mechanically by an escapement in 1090 AD, but the oldest mechanical clocks to survive are European. They were really alarms, tolling a bell to waken the monks for their night-time offices. It is no accident that the word "clock", Anglo-Saxon in origin, also means "to strike".

Mechanical clocks reached an extraordinary level of perfection in the 18th century, chronicled in Dava Sobel's bestseller, Longitude, which tells the story of John Harrison and his marine chronometers. But they were superseded for ever by the atomic clock, first demonstrated in 1955 at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington. This clock kept time to one second in 300 years.

The NPL clock and its successors use as a reference the frequency of the microwave radiation emitted by atoms of caesium-133. Liquid caesium is heated in an oven, freeing atoms that escape through a hole to be irradiated by microwaves. The radiation pumps some of them up into a higher energy state, and these excited atoms are counted by measuring



Clocking on: accuracy is vital

the current they produce in an electron multiplier. The frequency of the microwaves is adjusted until this current is a maximum, and that frequency — 9,192,631,770 cycles per second — is the beat of the clock.

The second is now defined by reference to this standard, but unprecedented accuracy in measuring time has not yet brought the perfect clarity to time standards that its origi-

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nators hoped. -If you are catching a bus it doesn't matter to know the time to the nearest fraction of a second," says Dr John Laverty, Head of Time and Frequency Services at the NPL. "But if you are involved in communications, broadcasting and naviga-

tion, it does matter."

The coming of the atomic second has created several overlapping time standards that threaten to make a mockery of millennium clocks, claiming to measure the time to midnight on December 31, 1999 to the nearest fraction of a second. In Britain and Europe the matter is complicated by the fact that the time defined by law is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), a time that is not actually displayed on any clock.

The problems arise because the Earth is a worse timekeeper than the caesium clocks. Its molten core and oceans mean that it tends to slow down. Over the years, time measured by atomic clocks gets out of synchronisation with time measured by the rotation of the

The atomic second threatens to make a mockery of millennium clocks on December 31, 1999, reports Nigel Hawkes

International Atomic Time (TAI) is the time standard maintained by the International Weights and Measures Office in Paris. Since its establishment on January 1, 1958, the Earth has slowed sufficiently to create a gap of 30 seconds.

To take account of this, leap seconds are periodically added to atomic time to create Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC), the time used by the BBC for its pips". UTC is a kind of compromise between 'The world the iron discipline of atomic clocks and the is going to

less precise rotation of the Earth. Adding leap seconds keeps UTC in rough agreement with the time standard based on the Earth's rotation. Confusingly, this is called Universal Time (UT) and for practical

purposes is the same as GMT. The difference between UTC and UT can rise to as much as 0.9 seconds before a leap second is introduced to prevent the gap

from growing.
The differences may seem trivial, but to horologists they are not. Lord Tanlaw, a member of the British Horological Institute, says that tourists who visit Greenwich and have the time printed out on their tickets are told that it is GMT, when in fact it is UTC.

He believes that it is time to sort out the ambiguities by adopting UTC as the legal timescale, and proposes to introduce a Private Member's Bill into the Lords to this effect when Parliament reassembles. "I'm concerned that with all this hype over measuring the

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time to the new millennium, a lot of the world is going to look at us and laugh," he says. "They'll say

we have got the time wrong."

It may be only a few tenths of a second, but when we have clocks capable of measuring time to within a millionth of a second per year, it is certainly an anomaly. Future clocks will be more accurate still if research going on at

NPL and other centres succeeds. The tiny errors that today's atomic clocks make come from the fact that the caesium atoms within them are not stationary, but moving in a stream as they absorb their radiation. This slightly alters their frequency, as a result of the Doppler shift, the effect that makes a train's whistle alter in frequency

If the atoms could be slowed down, or stopped altogether, this cause of error would be reduced. At NPL Dr Dale Henderson is using laser light to slow down the atoms, before allowing them to fall downwards under gravity. The atoms will still be moving, but all at the same speed, which should improve accuracy. Dr Laverty says. A French group has shown an improvement by a factor of ten.

till greater improvements are possible. The end is not in sight," says Dr Laverty. And apart from measuring time with even greater precision, the next generation of clocks will permit the testing of new theories of matter, including string theory.
Some versions of string theory,

says Dr John Prestage of Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, predict that the fine structure constant the ratio between two of the fundamental forces of nature, the electromagnetic force and the strong nuclear force - may not be a constant after all.

If it does vary, then clocks made from different atoms will run at slightly different speeds. As lasercooled atomic clocks emerge, their accuracy should be sufficient to put this to the test.

If so, says Dr Prestage, then low-budget, table-top experiments with clocks may go far beyond accelerator-based experiments in exploring grand unified theories of matter". Evidently, the clock still has plenty to offer

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STEPHEN HAWKING. the Cambridge astrophysicist and bestselling author, enjoys a wager, even if he sometimes ises. In February he paid up on a bet struck in 1991 with Dr Kip Thorne and Dr John Preskill, of the California Institute of Technology. It didn't cost him much - just a T-shirt printed with the message Nature abhors a naked singularity". Now, thanks to a new calculation, it looks as if his concession may have been

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premature. Singularities are points of infinite density formed when matter collapses to a single point. Black holes contain singularities within them, but the bet concerned the question of whether such singularities could also form on their own. This is a dispute that may seem arcane but it matters greatly to cosmologists. Einstein's description of spacetime breaks down at singularities, so if they were liable pop up anywhere, the universe could no longer be described with any certainty. Dr George Wald, a cosmolo-

Hawking bet not over yet

gist from the University of Chicago, told Science that he considers it the most significant question that can be posed within the confines of classigeneral cal

relativity.

At the time he conceded the bet, Professor Hawking told The Times that his mistake had been to agree to wording that

failed to exclude naked singularities born in extreme. These might be, for example, when there was not quite



BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

unlikely circumstances.

al present for its collapse to lead to the formation of a black hole. Under those circumstances, according to work by Dr Demetrios Christodoulou. of Princeton, and computer calculations by Dr Matthew Choptuik, of the University of Texas.

naked singular-ities could form. Armed with this evidence, the Caltech

physicists pressed Professor Hawking to concede. But the latest study by Dr Christodou-lou, to be published in Annals

of Mathematics, suggests that Hawking should have clung

on a little longer.
In this paper he has proved mathematically that making even infinitesimal changes to the conditions in which naked singularities could form will result in black holes instead. This suggests that the earlier solutions required such unusual circumstances that they are never likely to be found in nature. Dr Wald compares such circumstances to pencils standing on end, which you will never find in nature.

If Dr Christodoulou is right then Professor Hawking stands an excellent chance of winning a new bet struck with Dr Thorne and Dr Preskill. It limits the bet to singularities that might develop in normal conditions. If he loses. Professor Hawking is going to have to come up with a more concessionary message than the last one. Dr Preskill says. Professor Hawking is quietly confident The world is safe from naked singularities, at least in classical general relativity."

Alcohol and the sex of insects

AN Australian

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has devised the

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powerful clue to its identity. The Natural History Museum in London has already placed an order.

After death, organs lose their shape, but can be re-stored by filling them with alcohol under pressure. These often extraordinary and beautiful shapes are the key to separating different. but closely related species." Dr Matthews says.

female organs are also useful, he told New Scientist. The problem is manipulating the hypodermic needle required to insert the alcohol. "Unless you are very careful, it is easy to smash the specimen to bits." Dr Matthews says.

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A NEUTRINO detector down a mine in the north Caucasus mountains could be the next victim of the Russian budget crisis. The detector uses 60 tons of molten gallium inside ten reactor vessels to try to spot the particles, which originate from the Sun, as they pass through. Gallium is ideal for this purpose as one of its isotopes, gallium-71, captures neutrinos and is converted

by them into germanium-71. In February, officials from the Institute of Rare Metals showed up at the site to confiscate the gallium. It is worth \$200 per kilogram, so the entire amount would fetch \$12 million. The Ministry of Fuel, which ordered the confiscation, will not say why, but the guess is that it plans to sell the metal to raise money to Rather than give it up, the

researchers threatened to burn themselves to death. The order was temporarily rescinded. Without the gallium, monitoring of solar neutrinos would have to stop before the mystery of why there are so few of them has been solved.

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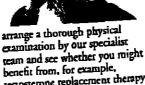
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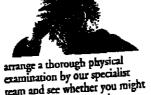




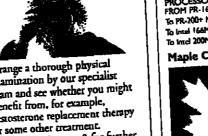
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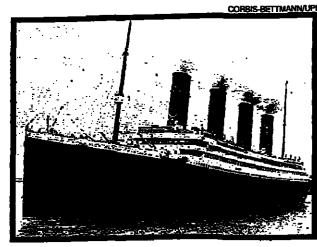
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Dinner as the ship went down





Erica Wagner hosts a meal to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Titanic disaster

didn't follow the instruc-For Himself, set on the ship. was pipped at the post for last tions. I didn't send out handwritten, formal inyear's Booker Prize. Items have been recovered from the wreck and exhibited; last sumvitations. I didn't insist on formal dress (evening wear for the men, close-fitting, floormer there was an attempt to raise part of the hull. An exhibition that has just opened length gowns for the women).
I didn't provide facsimile cabin Memphis, Tennessee inin tickets, nor potted biographies - Isidor Straus, Molly cludes a model of the Titanic's Brown, Captain Smith — of deck so that patrons may the "characters" I wished my imagine themselves aboard guests to play. And I did not the doomed vessel; a musical, the previews of which have serve an 11-course meal, put off, perhaps, by the dire been troubled by an apparentwarnings at the back of my new cookbook: "Do not try to ly unsinkable Titanic, is about to open in New York; James Cameron's \$180 million movie prepare this meal by yourself.
Enlist at least one sous-chef is still to come. and a dishwasher to help you."

Steven Biel is a Harvard But then, I had reservations historian and the author of the about recreating, as the title of just-published Down With the my new cookbook has it, the Old Canoe: A Cultural Hist-Last Dinner on the Titanic. ory of the Titanic, an intrigu-"There is more to re-creating ing study of the myths and the final first-class dinner on meanings which have come to cluster around the wreck.
There's no easy explanation the Titanic than cooking and serving the dishes we describe in this book," write Rick Archbold and Dana McCaufor this sudden explosion of interest," he says. "There's not a big tradition of 85th anniverley as they set out to tell us how to "choreograph" a first-class saries being particularly significant. I think the fact that Titanic dinner. You can say that again. Do you jog the this one's coming at the end of table (discreetly kicking a leg. century has meant that people have reflected on the symbolic perhaps) at 11.40pm, the moment the ship encountered the importance of the Titanic, and fatal berg? How do you tell how the disaster seems to raise your guests, when the last doubts about progress, about bottle of Châteauneuf du Pape

is drunk, that they won't be Nowadays - really since allowed to leave as the last the appearance of Walter lifeboats have already gone? Lord's A Night To Remember The Titanic industry grinds in 1956 - the Titanic disaster on, but has been particulary is seen as a kind of cataclysm: busy of late. Beryl Bainbefore that April night, all was bridge's fine novel. Every Man well with the world; after-



Edwardian elegance at the dinner table by the artist Paul Chabas: Erica Wagner's own dining room may have lacked something in authenticity, but social icebergs were avoided

they

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wards came the First World War and chaos, and nothing was ever the same. Biel points out that this was not, in fact, the case. Activists for causes that were already well-established in 1912 - labour movements, women's suffrage, minorities seeking equality (and the opponents of all these)

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in many other ways too.

- seized upon the Titanic and tried to claim her for their

And yet this image of a kinder, gentler time is a pervasive one, one that was longed for, perhaps, even then, when "short-haired women" were informed they should shut up about voting and be glad that

gallant men had sacrificed their places in the boats for them. It is to this time that Last Dinner on the Titanic wishes to return us, a time when the words "dinner party" didn't mean carving up a pizza, lolling on the sofa and watching ER. Even for a shorthaired woman, it was a tempting notion. And so I made the calls. "You're doing what?" asked Aled.

"Having a Titanic dinner party," I said. There was silence, somewhat ominous. "We said we'd all get togeth-er," I continued brightly. "This is the perfect

"I suppose," he said. "Should we prepare our last farewells?"

opportunity."

"Just come over," said, "About

eight."
David and Rebecca were per-

suaded, too. "What should we wear?" Evening clothes for the men, closefitting, floor length gowns for the women. "Whatever you want," I said. "Sailor

suits, I don't mind. Just come." And so they did. Everyone was prompt. The men, I noted, wore jackets. All stepped over our threshold tentatively, expecting, perhaps, that we might have hung lifeboat da-vits out the back or rigged up an iceberg out of chicken wire and old sheets in the garden. They looked a little startled, a touch relieved, that no such arrangements were in

In the "reception room" (the most elegant room in your house, apart from the dining room), the host introduces each gentieman to the lady he will "take down" to dinner and with whom he will con-

verse while drinks are served. Hopeless, hopeless. There's no dining room, only a kitchen. and the "reception room" is rather too Early-Ikea to count as altogether elegant. Still, my husband Francis bravely trooped our guests upstairs.

Neither couple had met before and Francis didn't know any of them, and I could hear introductions being made as I scampered back down to the kitchen. "When we cooked ten courses last year, we felt we were being taken back in time by eating the food," Rick Archbold had

told me when I spoke to him. What did Quite. There's none of this preparing-a-cold-pastasalad-a-day-inadvance-and-getting-to-chat-toyour-guests nonsense when it's Edwardian authenticity you're after. The potage St Germain need-

ed straining, the leg of lamb needed searing, the carrots needed creaming: luckily the macédoine de fruits had been made that afternoon - the ice-cream to accompany it I had declined to churn myself, but procured from Hängen-Däzs, safe in the knowledge that Luigi Gatti. first-class restaurant manager on board the Titanic, would have done the same had he

Once we were all seated (or mostly seated: these 1912-style meals do require a certain amount of leaping up and down on the part of the chef) I am alraid to report that the conversation was mostly what you would expect. Francis refused to impersonate Capshipping regulations and a threat, from the two Americans at the table, to sing a rendition of the summer-camp song Oh They Built The Ship Titanic, it was an evening that steered pretty well clear of icebergs. Everyone got on rather well, And so we talked into the night.

he macédoine was set on the table at about twenty minutes to midnight. time when some first-class nassengers reported feeling "a slight jar", and steerage passengers were knocked from their bunks by the impact of the berg. We opened another bottle of wine, because now we

were having a fine time. It was after two when our last guests left. Aled and Deborah strolled out of our

front door and safely into their car, and no one thought of the Titanic's stern, queerly tipped at nearly 90 degrees to the sea's surface, or the cries of the freezing and drowning. We did the dishes. We went to bed.

When I spoke to Walter Lord, who wrote the introduction to Last Dinner on the Titanic, he told me of a trip he took to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where many of Titanic's dead are buried. There he saw a solitary neadstone with luie Gatti's name on it his evening ended less easily than ours. • Last Dinner on the Titanic: Menus and Recipes from the Great Liner by Rick Archbold and Danie McCauley is published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, priced

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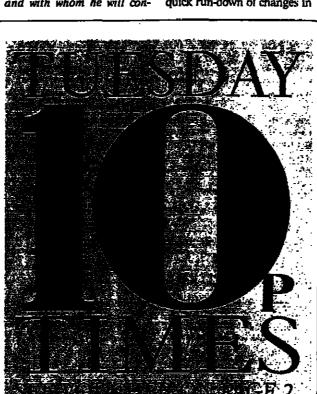
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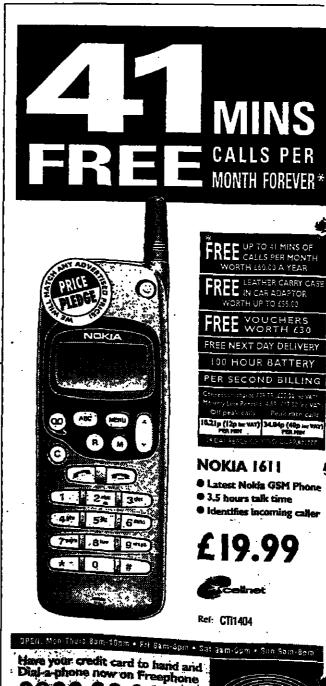
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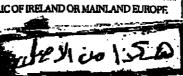
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'I was startled when Madonna fancied me. I'm startled when anybody does'

Writer Tim Willocks is fascinated by masculinity. Interview by Robert Crampton

> can look either striking-Madonna, no less,

im Willocks is wear-ing a black Donna Karan double-breastly beautiful or pretty ed suit and underdamn ugly. neath it, black braces and a black Moschino vest, no shirt. was of the former view. A good deal of curly ginger They sat next to each chest hair is coming out over the vest. His pale skin sports other at a New York dinner party given, a couple of years ago, to three tattoos - a phoenix and a scorpion on either shoulder, celebrate the success of a laughing man on the inside of his left forearm. The legend Willocks' second novel. the bowel-grippingly violent, sensationally Those Who Are is etched in Greek below the phoenix. He rude prison thrilier volunteers, sheepishly, that it is misspelt. He is 6ft 3in and Green River Rising. Madonna liked what comfortably over 2001bs, not she heard and saw, and

they embarked on a

two-month affair.

the sort of features that

but, due to a back problem, his Was he flattered that she fancied him? training has lapsed a little. A paunch has developed, the sort "Yeah, yeah I was," he of paunch that might make replies in his shy, slow you or me think twice about Manchester accent, so leaving home without our shirts. To be fair, Willocks has at odds with his extraordinary appear-

the builders in at his flat in ance. "I was startled. I'm generally startled when any-Barnes, forcing him to lodge temporarily with a friend. His body fancies me to be honest." Did he become self-conscious. red hair - until recently Byronically long - has been cut short and gelled back. He what with her doing all that jogging and working out? "As it happened, I weren't in bad has moist, pale blue eyes and very thick pink lips. His are shape at the time. I was no

all of it muscle.

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He has a black belt in karate



Madonna liked what she heard and saw more self-conscious than I

normally am." The affair ended amicably, and they have met up once since. "I think she's great, very bright, very gifted. I admire her very much," he says. What little fame I ve enjoyed,

is great but I wouldn't want much more. Her lifestyle, it's tremendous pressure, and she deals with it." No further information on his private life is forthcoming, except that he was married, briefly, in his wenties, and has no children. His fame can be ascribed, in

more or less equal parts, to the success of Green River Rising, on both sides of the Atlantic, to the Madonna liaison, and to his membership of a new generation of writers whose looks are being used to sell their work. He says: "I don't feel pressured. I appreciate the extra attention it got the book. Most Calvin Klein models now wouldn't have got a job advertising brooms 20 years ago. It's so variable, what

people find attractive." Willocks's first novel, Bad City Blues, which bombed, is now being reissued, hence this interview. He has written three in all, and is thinking about a fourth, but most of the past two years has been taken up writing the screenplay of Green River Rising for Warner Brothers. "I've done about 25 versions." Alan Pakula (All the President's Men) is to produce, no director

hired yet. "My favourite actors are all 80 or dead," says Willocks.
"Burt Lancaster, Kirk
Douglas, Paul Douglas, Newman.'

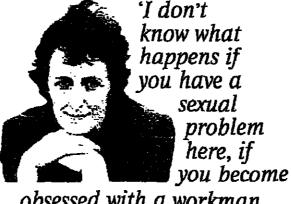
He has been going over to Hollywood reg-ularly. "LA is not that interesting. It's a business town. They go to bed at 10.30 to get up to make their calls." Was he expecting party time? "I always had hopes in that respect. But I was also aware the good times were over. It may be a myth but my impression was that in the Eighties they'd say 'Here's your hotel room, here's the whores, the drugs', whatever else. Now everyone is in a 12-step programme."

The most interesting thing about Willocks is not, however, either Hollywood or Madonna. Nor is it Green River Rising. Willocks read Alistair MacLean and Sven Hassel as a teenager and his own bestseller is no more nor less than a fine plot-driven yarn (Bad City Blues is actually a deeper book). The interesting thing is that he is a bricklayer's son who became a doctor. "Hollywood is a very highly strung place, but I never get that anxious. Compared to worrying about whether you've killed someone or not, it doesn't matter."

e trained in medicine at University College Hospital in London, began but did not complete postgraduate psychiatry training, and still works - despite the sort of wealth accumulated from 70,000-plus paperback sales and the film option — parttime in a drugs clinic near Victoria station. He is not, as the tabloids persuaded themselves during the Madonna episode, a real-life Cracker", but he has been trained to think intelligently about hu-

man motivations. He is originally from Stalybridge, just east of Manchester. He had a happy childhood -- "i always liked my family, admired them" passed the 11-plus and went to

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obsessed with a workman or something'

Actress Fiona Shaw on life with the enclosed order of Tyburn nuns at their convent



up at 15 to concentrate on A

levels. The writing re-emerged

after years of study as a way of

channelling and controlling

his energy and impulses. He

says: "If I hadn't been blessed

with this education, these in-

tellectual tools, I'd be a com-plete lunatic, I'd just be

seething." As it is, he says his

writing allows him - and his

readers - "to experience alter-

native versions of ourselves".

learnt karate. "I was attracted

It was as a student that he

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hard ... I was spending ten years in a library. I was always - ashamed is the wrong word — but I felt that tug. I do believe the demolition of the pride an individual can take in being a man has got something to do with the breakdown of social order." crucial to civilisation."

He is attracted to the masculine code attached to the martial arts. "I think we need to be pushed to create ourselves. There is a laxity, an emotional and intellectual laxity, in contemporary times, in naff - a level of manliness. America, they've been training affable. His medical work Jonathan Cape, £9.99

He mentions Oprah Winfrey. "Lo and behold, the occasions on which men shoot their wives have trebled. 'Bang! I've expressed myself. Freud was always careful to point out that repression was a good thing.

Taking his jacket off and bunching up his biceps obligingly for photographs, he says, resigned and self-mocking: The things we do for commerce." There's a contradiction here. He talks intelligentseit-enacingly, He is

he says about masculinity is true. Yet here he is, giving us the very shirt off his back. I get the impression he's

going along with this image-building because someone — Madonna? - has convinced him that it is the modern, sussed way to behave, but that one day he may look back at the chest in vest routine and regret it. He'll be 40 in October, after all, and there comes a time in a man's life when the scorpions and the phoenixes should be put away.



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ow that the Authorized Version of the Bible has been published as a World's Classic in paperback, it has sadly become a secular text. But let us seize the moment. Nothing now should prevent its being fully reintroduced into our life through the schools — as a compulsory set book. That is what

classics are for. This magnificent version has withered in the churches through a combination of tin ears, fashionable short-termism and a profound lack of cultural conservatism also known as a mewling political correctness which will go as fast as it will come, but meanwhile has

done much damage.

Over the past few decades the Bible has been seen increasingly in schools as representing just one of the many religions now to be found in this country, despite the fact that the overwhelming mass of people here come out of some form of Christian belief. But now it can be released from that limitation. That is what a classic does.

and acknowledged for what it is -Our book. That Our is all of us who live here, wherever we came

The Bible is the basic book of our civilisation," the new editors of this bouncy paperback truthfully proclaim. "It holds a unique and exclusive status, not merely in terms of the religious history of the Western world, but also in literary history and even in what might be called our collective cultural psy-che." That should surely clinch the argument so bitterly lost in the naves of Britain.

The editors point out how the Bible has helped to make us the way we are. They discuss the idea that we have about there being a meaning behind all phenomena. This is fundamentally a religious view of life as expressed in the Bible. Yet it has spread throughout

So it can be brought back to us our culture. Newton, for instance, who devoted more time to religion than to science, used his religious bent for meaning to explore the Universe which became and in many ways remains Newtonian but in his view, still under God.

The editors say that storytelling itself, especially the telling of multiple and parallel stories, has been reinforced and directed by this loll translation made by 47 scholars at the command of a Scottish, homosexual, anti-smoking, bloodsport-praising, scholarly king. Surely all this should shake it free from the anti-religious bias it? Since the decline of its use, even in its ancient ecclesiastical fastnesses there have been lamentations but precious little action. Opponents. have characterised as tiresome blimps

or mere addicts of nostalgia.



For a while it looked too late to make any real counterattack, especially in a society which seems at present to duck the power and responsibility of its own history and believes, ignorantly, that progress consists only in looking to the future.

But inevitably, as so often before, we will begin to define ourselves again. Sometimes our self-definitions have been arrogant and even cruel; but more often than most countries' these definitions have also been liberating, decent and intelligent. And we redefine ourselves, always, through a renaissance, looking back to men, women, battles, inventions and achievements among which are books - the greatest of all, pace Shakespeare. being the Authorized Version.

And now that it is a World's Classic there is nothing to stop us from bringing it back to form the basis of whatever new world arises after May 1.

Let us take a very obvious point to do with the language of the Bible itself. We have not only absorbed rhythms and phrases -"skin of my teeth", "fatted calf", "inherit the earth" - that will linger, we have also before us a teaching resource of unmatchable

et us look at a very obvious example — Psalm 23. "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The beauty and pulse of the prose is enough reason alone for this to reach the ears of every child in this country at least once every two or three months. But inside that are the ideas: the

idea that somebody can find comfort and protection in a superior force — which, in the religion that is still that of the overwhelming majority in this country, is the Christian God. The valley of the

shadow of death as both a metaphor and an introduction to the finite nature of life could not be a better trigger for young people. whose notion of that state is rather abstract. The idea of a rod and a staff could prick a historical reference and construct a continuity which could be a comfort for many, so that they learn that the place they live in has a past which can be deeply supporting. And, of course, teachers could then go on to turn talk about David or the idea of praising God or gods into many a discussion

It seems that it is too late to save this King James version for the churches. But now it can surely be taught to everyone from whatever background with the greatest profit to them and to all our futures. So let's authorise the Authorized Version in every school in the land. Parts of it to be read every morning in assembly (for a start).

That would be the real beginning of a renaissance and bring us back, not to basics, but to the real

THEATRE: Guilt is the theme of an unconvincing Canadian work. Plus Robert Young's unsettling new play; and a royal allegory

THIS month four leading theatre critics have put themselves in the firing line by turning director for a short season at the Battersea Arts Centre called *The Critics* — *Up for* Review. So it seemed only fitting to

invite a leading director to turn critic. Here Sir Peter Hall reviews the directorial debut of Times critic Jeremy Kingston. Below, Benedict Nightingale judges another Times critic, James Christopher

Women talking to themselves

irst, the play: a woman of 70 in a home for the elderly finds herself having an intricate conversation with her dead sister and four other women. They represent herself at 30, 40, 50 and 60. They reveal improbable

The structure is schematic and, since none of us at 70 will know what it's like to talk to ourselves at 30, Michel Tremblay's play often seems strained and unrecognisable. Memory is just not that precise. Albertine's miserable past is owly revealed to suit the needs of the dramatist rather than those of the

There's a husband who was a war hero as well as a moron; a daughter who has been sexually hyperactive since she was II, and who meets a bloody end; and a lunatic son who has to be put away. Yes, you've guessed: the play's theme is Guilt — or rather, the Rejection of Guilt when it interferes with survival. I didn't believe a

Now to the event. This was no ordinary play: it was part of The Critics - Up For Review, a season at the Battersea Arts Centre. The Times critic, Jeremy Kingston, decided for reasons I cannot fathom to direct this play. And I, alas, agreed to

I thought it would be fun — a sort of brilliantly designed (by Ti Green), and world-turned-upside-down experiment well lit by Ben Ormerod. There are two world-turned-upside-down experiment that might raise awareness and get space for the theatre. I'd no sooner said "yes" than I noticed thin-lipped disapproval from a few colleagues. And Michael Coveney, a critic who is admittedly well known for being shrill, seemed to go quite beyond himself. "Will I review these

> Albertine in **Five Times**

shows? I don't review amateur theatre," he sniffed. "Where is everybody's sense of humour?" I thought

Nonetheless, I wasn't so sure I'd been right to participate when the end of the performance was reached. This was a highly serious piece of work. For the hour-and-a-half of the play, nothing had mattered to the actors or the critic/director but the work: it was their complete obsession. And the fact that I didn't like it and had to say so gave me no

It is well put together, well cast,

highly talented performances by Angela Pleasence, whose crystal clarity I regular-ly admire, and by Frances Cuka, whose emotions are always wonderfully un-

English.
In spite of all this, I would only give Kingston five out of ten. It is well produced, but not well directed. Some of this may admittedly be due to the unremitting intensity of the dramatist. But the director could have helped this by

Opportunities for true comedy when the memories contradict (very clear in the play) are neglected; and the pace and mood are too even and predictable. It is a technical failing. The actors are clearly committed to the piece and to their director. But he has not used this in order to orchestrate their work and maintain the audience's interest. The play would have been more accessible had it been less strident.

With great regret, then, I would advise Mr Kingston not to give up his night job. And I'm sure he'll give the same advice to me. It honestly wasn't worth all

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S o somewhere deep inside you still think of this paper, and its arts deshoe-boxes. Inside, a cobbler called Sinbad (Jack Carr) toils doggedly away in a leather partment in particular, as a apron. Upstairs, his wife is place where venerable gentledying. In the corner his men in frock coats discuss the daughter Lolita (Zoe Telford) unities of time, place and action over cups of Earl Grey? lurks beneath sacking. Then in through the wall,

Well, go to the BAC and get yourself disabused. It is the critics from other papers who are directing the mainstream pieces: Anouilh, Strindberg, earlyish Pinter. Our lads are the ones taking the artistic risks, Jeremy Kingston with the rare Tremblay that Peter Hall describes above, James Christopher with the only new play to have found its way into the season the BAC calls The

Critics — Up for Review. How successful is Christopher at making the leap from sharpshooter to target or, to be a bit more solemn about his duties, from Jimmy Hill to Arsene Wenger? Well, the first task of any director is of course to choose a play, and, in Robert Young's Shoe Shop of Desire, he has picked an odd, unsettling one by a young, untried dramatist: in other words, exactly the sort of piece that fringe houses such as the

BAC exist to promote. The second task is to select the right actors and so orchestrate them that nothing from the set to their placing onstage to their own inhibitions — prevents them from giving their emotional and intellectual all to the text. Christopher and his admirable four-person cast have not let each other down.

As designed by Simon Vincenzi, the shop of the title consists of three tail, jagged and patently insecure walls of

Note that the second of the se

The Shoe Shop of Desire BAC

suffering child and a wicked landlord. But no fairy godmother

crashes Ben Price's Bobby, a slick, insulting young man in a cheap dark suit. Since he is a comes floating onstage to give us a magic denouement. And debt collector with an eviction although Michael Roberts's order in his briefcase, it looks landlord looks as if he is on as if we are in for an updated version of a fairy story, or furlough from Reservoir Dogs. his motives turn out to be as maybe a Victorian melodraunpredictable as everyone ma, involving an impoverelse's in a play that, as the title ished bootmaker, his virtuous, indicates, is more about the

hankering of souls than the hammering of soles. Though the language stays incongru-ously plain, and sometimes gets a bit plonking, the subject poetic the suppressed and often contradictory desires that bubble up from the unconscious only in dreams or in

By the end, everything seems topsy-turvy. Lolita has evolved from a sad, mute Cinderella through Miss Whiplash to a girl vestigially capable of giving and taking love. A sort of forlorn masochism has emerged from inside

hauntingly surreal plays, like

Bobby's macho swagger. Imagery of dogs recurs. So does prim yet disturbing music. More unusually, so do mentions of strange, ugly smells. I cannot think offhand of a play in which that most neglected yet most evocative of senses gets more emphasis. A weird stench of onions,

lilies, bad breath and dirt rises from the text, but not, of course, from the production. You can't expect even the boldest reviewer-director to manage everything. BENEDICT

NIGHTINGALE

Deft, daft and decadent

Tou could claim that our real-life royal dramas of recent years are morality tales in their own right. Witold Gombrowicz's Iwona, Princess of Burgundia was written in 1938 as a "misanthropic fable" with a court of degenerates as its convenient centre. However, the play is silly rather than solemn, and while Gombrowicz aims at some pendulous targets (con-formity, vanity and human viciousness), his weapon is a form of heightened ridicule. Andrzej Sadowski's adapta-tion for Scarlet Theatre con-

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veys the due measure of pomp, but the production is notable

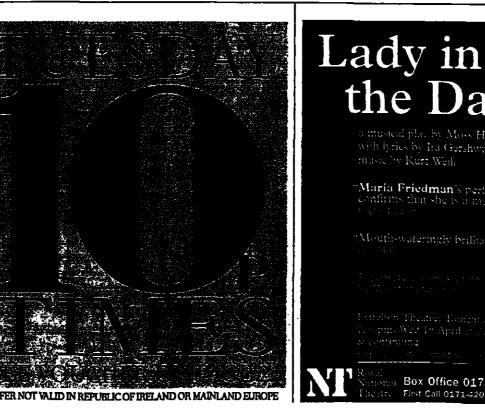
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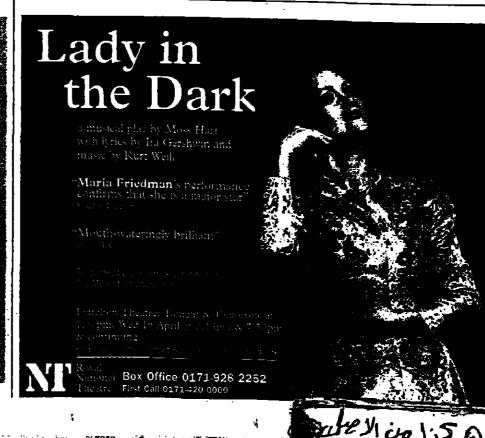
for its commitment to a sharply mannered physical perfor-Deszcz has imported a precise and lurid movement style which suits the material, in this instance high-stepped and scuttled over by the nine performers. The execution is often enjoyably deft and daft.

Sharon is a young woman of plain appearance and remote behaviour, played by Sue Maund. On a whim Philip, the Prince, decides he will marry her, a decision which throws the court into turmoil. The cast conjure up an assembly of inveterate toadies and schemers, whose sycophancy is embodied by their bows and curtsies. To its credit, the production avoids any cheap glances at our own Royal Family. That said, Nigel Piper's music, which sounds like a Greek taverna waltz, creates an inevitable, subliminal reference to the monarchy's Hellenic connection.

The allegorical part of the story is mostly centred on the character of the Prince, played by Eric MacLennan: a trivial young man discovers that decency and integrity are indeed within his orbit, but he rejects them nonetheless. Sadowski provides the set, a clean and simple arrange-ment, which exemplifies the best of the production: stylistic discipline applied to a drama about irredeemable decadence.

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How they'll uproot the Garden

The Royal Opera House has finally unveiled its master plan for the threeyear closure of its home. Was it worth

the long wait? Rodney Milnes reports

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iven the circumstances, last week's press brief-

ing at the Royal Opera House on the first tranche of plans for the three-year closure period was an excessively

Those plans had been generously leaked in advance, both semi-officially by venues the ROH is visiting while on the road, and unofficially on the ever-generous gossip network. The already longdelayed announcement had been further postponed the previous week by a last-minute crisis - the sudden "unavailability" of Roberto Alagna and Angela Gheorghiu for a spring season at the already booked Albert Hall,

which is why only half of next season's plans have been announced. No one raised that,

with talk of devils and long spoons, any more than they did the cancellation of the slap-up new productions of Cav and Pag that should have launched the Royal Opera's first season at the Albert Hall in November (a revival of Otello has been substi-

tuted). Many performing arts companies today must be pondering how much mileage can be gained from announcing cancelled projects rather than those that can go ahead, without being accused of whingeing. What their tax-paying audiences think about this need not, of course, be taken into consideration.

Industrial relations received only cursory mention - the new chairman, Lord Chadlington, insisted that there was an agreement between unions and management that there should be no press discussion while negotiations proceeded. The matter in dispute is touring allowances, and the sum at stake some £160,000. And there was no mention of the reported discontent on the part of the entertainment facilities at, say, Labatt's Apollo in Hammersmith will be less agreeable than those in Bow Street - after all, no one wanted class war to break out in the Crush Bar, though the chairman's aggressively dry-cleaned Garrick Club ne was seen by some as a provocation to that end. Others saw it as a symbol of continuity almost as reassuring as Bernard

Haitink renewing his contract until well into both the new House and

the new millennium. That, really, is why the briefing was surprisingly polite: so much of the news was good, and none better than Haitink's vote of confidence in the House and its new manage-ment. The incoming chief execu-tive, Genista McIntosh, was cool, calm and collected in her first encounter with the reptiles, as the press are collectively and (I think) affectionately known at the ROH. She acknowledged that most of the plans were in place before she arrived, but emphasised that the opera company especially was taking full advantage of homelessness

and the use of smaller theatres by staging new productions of works they wouldn't, and probably shouldn't, perform at Covent Garden. The Turn of the Screw, conducted by Colin Davis and directed by Deborah Warner — what a team! — is a case in point; so are a sumptuously cast Giulio Cesare (Ann Murray and all those

new-wave counter-tenors) and Rameau's spiky comedy Platée, directed by Mark Morris. All will be seen at the Barbican

ne can imagine the yowis of protest at the announcement of up to 30 performances of The Merry Widow at Covent Garden, but at the Shaftesbury - staged by the Meistersinger team of Graham Vick and Richard Hudson and triple-cast with the likes of Felicity Lott, Thomas Allen, Lesley Garrett and Claudio Desderi - well, why not? The fasten-vour-seatbelts tendency is satisfied by Nigel Lowery's new production of the Barber again, very strongly cast. Britten's first stage-work, Paul Bunyan, is another piece that could never happen at Covent Garden - it will be staged by the American director Francesca Zambello. Revivals of Figaro and Cosi may be playing sale, but there has to be a salety net

somewhere. The inevitable series of concert performances has been cannily devised, including the first-ever airing for the lost Donizetti opera, Elisabetta, that someone found mouldering in the cellars at Covent

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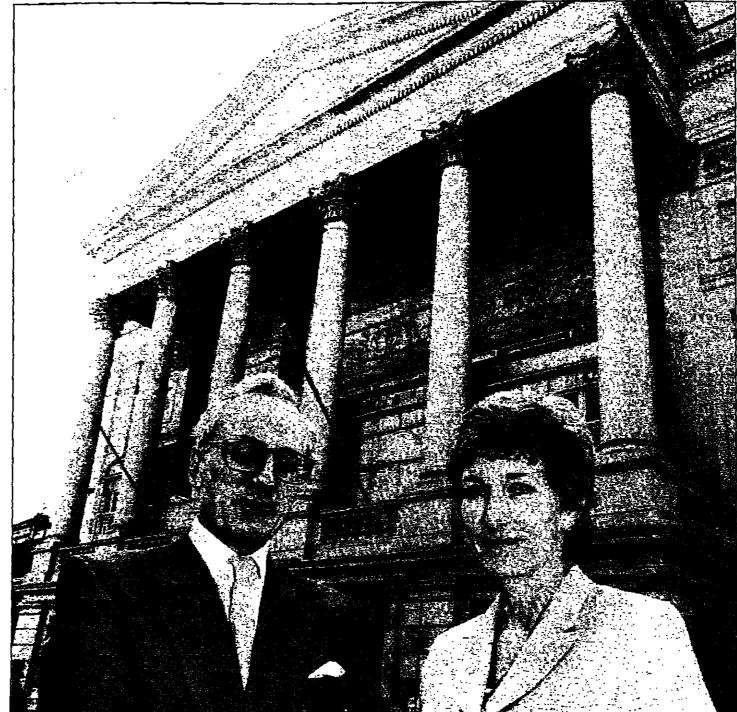
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The ROH's new chairman, Lord Chadlington, and chief executive, Genista McIntosh, outside the House, soon to close for its facelift

Tchaikovsky's whizz-bang melo- at those prices has been another drama The Enchantress (conduct-Hairink and Domingo, and Vaughan Williams's The Pilgrim's

Progress As McIntosh also emphasised. all this (save for Domingo) will be offered at prices around half those charged in Bow Street - most tops at around £65, with more than 2,000 seats at Labatt's Apollo at less than £30 for the Royal Ballet. There are opportunities here for wooing

Garden, Strauss's Egyptian Helen. new audiences. Being able to arrive reason for delay: the Arts Council has been unwilling to show any public support for the ROH in its greatest-ever hour of need for fear f provoking the tabloids, who still imagine - or like to pretend to imagine - that the £78 million lottery grant makes the House disgustingly rich (what a PR millstone that £78 million is turning out to bel. One can imagine, nervously, the fevered negotiations towards settling what Lord Chadlington

continually referred to as "the financial envelope": cancellations versus seat-prices versus redundancies (280 lobs have been lost versus solidity and saleability of repertory

But the huge question remains: what will happen to any new audiences when the house reopens at the end of 1999 and prices return to "normal"? Both Chadlington and McIntosh, hands on hearts, say this is the problem that concerns them above almost all others, and

Meanwhile, the substance of these initial plans, and the encouraging Sadler's Wells will indeed be available to both the Royal Ballet and the Royal Opera in the first part of 1999, does give the lie to those faint hearts who thought the best idea was to close the whole shebang down for three years and start again. In purely human terms that was always unthinkable: last week's announcement shows it was artistically unthinkable as well.

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giving us a chance to find out. The most likely candidates, neither of them well known in this country, are Franz Berwald and Wilhelm Stenhammar. So it was unfortunate that, in one of the earliest of the festival events in

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Symphony Hall, both composers were represented at less than their best and, moreover, brought into direct comparison with their respective contemporaries, Mendelssohn and Nielsen.

However "serious", "capricious". "singular" or "naive" the four symphonies of Berwald may be, they are far from abundant in melodic interest. Paavo Järvi and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra made that deficiency all too clear in a performance of Symphony No 4 in E flat (Naive), which was no more than dutiful in the first three movements and impassioned only in the last. To drive the unkind point home at the end of the concert, they pounced on Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4 (Italian) as if they could wait not a moment longer for a work of such irresistibly tuneful and distinctly southern inspiration.

One could not, of course, accuse Järvi of any lack of faith in the Nordic inspiration. Indeed, he began Stenhammar's Excelsior! at the start of the concert with much the same fervour with which he was to approach the opening of the Mendelssohn. And if it did not last, it was not so much through any lack of conviction on his part as through the failure of the composer keep the structure in proportion to the quality of the material.

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The relic they could not burn

Richard Owen on conspiracy theories about the Turin fire

The force was in the cloth, said Mario Trematore, the apparently level-headed Turin fireman who salvaged the silver box containing the holy shroud from the flames which consumed a quarter of Turin's 15th-century cathedral. "A miracle," said the Pope on his visit to Sarajevo. "A holy icon venerated by so many over the centuries has again been saved from the flames." He was echoed by Cardinal Giovanni Saldarini, the Archbishop of Turin, who stood with thousands of other citizens outside the cathedral in the middle of the night with tears streaming from his eyes. Signor Trematore, who smashed the hardened glass surrounding the casket containing the shroud, has relived his moment of glory again and again in interviews, declaring that God gave him the strength to wield his siedgehammer. For some Italians, notably

the superstitious, the Turin disaster was another pre-millennial warning of doom after the Hale-Bopp comet. But for many, the fact that the shroud survived yet again proved its miraculous powers, and is a sign of hope and faith. For many Roman Catholics around the world, the fact that the shroud was carbon-dated by three reputable laborato-ries in 1988 and declared to be a medieval fake did not affect its value as an object of veneration. In any case, the science which undermined faith in the relic has also come to its rescue. Some scientists say the fire damage the cloth underwent once before, in 1532 at Chambery in France, could have altered its carbon composition, making it "seem younger". Other scientists (from Turin, admittedly) say they have found the imprint on the cloth of a coin in use at the time of Christ's death. Moreover, they ask, if it is a fake, or the image of a crucified Tem-plar knight, how could the

fakers have known that photography would bring the

image to light six centuries later, in 1898? But the force works both ways: just as there are millions who venerate the shroud as Christ's burial cloth and want to preserve it at all costs, there are others who also believe it a true relic but want to destroy it. Vittorio Messori, a Turin writer who has studied the shroud and its symbolism closely, said firmly yesterday that the fire in the Guarini chapel was "no accident". There were earlier attempts to set fires in the cathedral in the 1970s and 1980s, mostly - like the latest attack - on a Friday night, the night Christ's body was wrapped in a shroud before the Resurrection. "There is no other object which attracts so much love and so much hate," Signor Messori said. "It has everything -Jesus, the Templars who brought it to Europe, science ... an ideal Internet conspiracy subject. In fact the Internet is full of the sick fantasies of people who want to destroy the

Shroud." There is also the Royal connection: when the fire was started, a banquet was being held in the former Savoy palace next door by Gianni

whose power makes him the present "uncrowned King of Italy", and Lamberto Dini, the Foreign Minister, for Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary General. The shroud was held by the Savoys for centuries, and there are still passages linking the palace directly to the Guarini

As if all this were not enough, there is the Albanian connection: Mr Annan is in Italy to give UN blessing to the Italian-led intervention in Albania, Italy's first major military mission since the Second World War. Turin, once the home of the Red Brigades, still harbours a strange breed of anarchists called autonomi. who only last Friday demonstrated in their hundreds outside the cathedral and the palace against the departure of Italian troops for Vlore and Tirana Last December the autonomi climbed on to the Cathedral roof — where the fire began this weekend.

"Too many mysteries for one fire," said Corriere della Sera. Did a terrorist infiltrate the banquet and sneak off to start the fire? Possibly. But whether the fire was started by an Internet fanatic, an anarchist or a simple short circuit. it also - more prosaically demonstrates once again the vulnerability of Italy's art trea-sures to accident and neglect.

ast year the great roque cathedral at Noto in Sicily collapsed. Memories are still vivid of the fire which destroyed Venice's La Fenice opera house in January last year: in Venice, too, the fire began in the roof and the disaster was at first attributed to an electrical fault during renovation. But the preliminary inquiry's report in February pointed the finger at arsonists acting for Mafialinked building firms who were behind schedule and about to face huge financial penalties

Walter Veltroni, the young and energetic Deputy Prime Minister who holds the culture portfolio, has pumped cash into the arts and antiquities by encouraging private investment and using lottery funds. In Rome, pedestrians can at last walk a traffic-free Appian Way at weekends, and this week many of Italy's great monuments are being opened to the public free of charge in a bid to persuade Italians to care more for their - and our priceless heritage.

But lack of resources over many years has left palaces, churches and archaeological treasures vulnerable to thieves, arsonists and Mafia criminals. No lessons appear to have been learnt from La Fenice: the fire alarms at Turin, as at La Fenice, had been "temporarily turned off" because of restoration work yet there were temporary kitchens for the banquet, hot air heaters, and the cathedral and palace were both festooned with electrical cables. 'A black day for Italy" was the judgment of Federico Zeri. the art historian: "An immense disaster, the result of sheer stupidity, yet no one is ever fired for incompetence. I sometimes think Italy deserves such tragedies ... how big a shock do we need before we do

In Somerset, almost all seats are marginals and the three main parties can take nothing for granted

n Hong Kong, the British general election seemed a long way away: it was certainly not making the front page of the South China Morning Post. Yet one Somerset constituency result, the Bath defeat of Chris Patten, has proved very important for Hong Kong's history. Coming back to Somerset. I find extraordinary crosscurrent of opinion. The polls may be able to predict the national result, but of Somerset's nine seats, only two can yet be predicted with confidence and seven must still be regarded as marginal in one way or another.

The only two safe seats in Somerset are Woodspring and Yeovil. Woodspring is held for the Conservatives by Dr Liam Fox, a rising junior minister, with at the last election a vote nearly double that of the Liberal Democrat who came second. It can be marked down as a Conservative hold. Yeovil is Paddy Ashdown's seat; he will hold that, though the small Labour share of the vote will probably rise quite sharply. Both Liam Fox and Paddy Ashdown are hardworking and well-known constituency members. That counts.

Then there come two seats which are not by any means safe, but can be regarded as probable Conservative victories. Both have good Conservative former ministers as their sitting members. My elder son Thomas, who is a councillor for Bath and North East Somerset, is working for David Heathcoat-Amory in Wells. His first impressions are that Labour, which comes a poor third with only 10 per cent of the vote, is taking support both from the Conservatives and, probably to a larger degree, from the Liberal Democrats. David Heathcoat-Amory's Euro-sceptical views seem to be popular on the doorstep. The Wells vote is very stable: Heathcoat-Amory got 28,624 in 1987 and 28,620 in 1992. It is unlikely to change this time.

How the wavering West may be won

Bridgwater is Tom King's seat. At the last election he had a comfortable majority of nearly 10,000, with the Liberal Democrat coming second, but with quite a substantial Labour vote. The town of Bridgwater, which is small and has seldom in its history been prosperous, had a traditional Labour vote; in the rural hinterland the Liberal Democrats have become somewhat unpopular on local issues, including hunting. No one could be sure how to cast a tactical vote to get Tom King out. I would not be surprised if Labour got back into second place but without winning the seat. Bridgwater is a three-way marginal with any result possible, but the Conservatives are the likely

From there on it becomes more difficult. Bath and North East Somerset is a new unitary authority; on the council the Liberal Democrats are the largest party, Labour comes second and the Conservatives a still substantial third. There are two parliamentary constituencies, Bath itself and Wansdyke, which was Jack Aspinwall's seat until he retired. Bath is now a super-marginal. It was won by the Liberals in 1992, but redistribution has added predominantly Conservative villages on the edge of the city.

The Liberal majority over Chris Patten was 3.768 but the redistribution is reckoned to be worth about 4,000 votes to the Conservatives. In 1992 the Labour vote was

to defeat Chris Patten. All the indications are that Tony Blair's leadership is pulling in new Labour voters in Bath and elsewhere. Again, as in Bridgwater, the Liberal Democrat performance in local government is probably a marginal vote-loser. Bath is a cliffhanger, but could possibly be a Conservative gain by a few hundred votes.

In Wansdyke, Labour is the chal-lenger. In 1992 Jack Aspinwall had the very comfortable majority of

William Rees-Mogg

13,341, but that was a majority over Labour, and the Liberal Democrats came third. Their vote of 14,834 is now likely to be squeezed. In the south of the constituency there is a long-standing Labour tradition based on the old North Somerset coalfield. Labour has the largest number of Wansdyke seats on the council. If the Liberal Democrat vote is switched to Labour, Wansdyke could be a Labour gain. If polling had been last Thursday, Labour would probably have won Wansdyke, but

The remaining three seats are all Conservative marginals with the Liberal Democrats coming second. In Somerton and Frome, the Conservative majority is 7.4 per cent. In Taunton it is 5.2 per cent; in Westonsuper-Mare, once one of the safest Conservative seats in the country, it is 8.5 per cent. In each case the Labour vote had already been squeezed to below 13 per cent. All three seats will be decided by the balance between tactical voting for the Liberal Democrats and the pull of Labour's

national campaign.
In each constituency there are a number of professive voters who will certainly vote Liberal Democrat. This will not only be tactical voting. Just as the Labour Party is losing some votes to the SNP in Scotland because Tony Blair has moved so far to the right, so in Somerset there are Liberal Democrat converts who see new Labour and the Conservatives as almost indistinguishable Thatcherite

"Which twin is the Tory?" The Liberal Democrat campaign theme that Labour cannot improve social services on the Conservative tax base is winning support.

In these constituencies there will be Labour switches to Liberal Democrat by Guardian-type readers who preferred John Smith to Tony Blair. They believe in a higher marginal rate of income tax, they oppose privatisation, they want more public expenditure, particularly on the Nat-

ional Health Service and education. These people are, however, outnum-bered by Sun-type readers who also want to get the Tories out but see. Tony Blair as much more convincing than Paddy Ashdown. There are more C2 D and E left-of-centre voters than A, B and Cl. There are more Sun readers than Guardian readers in Somerton and Frome, as elsewhere. In these seats Labour is the real threat to the Liberal Democrats, and I think that Tony Blair will win enough votes in each constituency to keep the Tories in.

Weston-super-Mare is a special case. Margaret Daly, the Conservative candidate, is a defeated MEP and is about as Euro-fanatical as Edwina. Currie. Her Conservative constituents are much more Euro-sceptical, as are a majority of Somerset Tories. Weston-super-Mare has a large retired community for whom the Battle of Britain is still very much a living part of their personal history. There may be above-average support for the Referendum or Independence Party candidates. Weston-super-Mare is probably the most marginal of these three very marginal seats, but even so, the Conservative majority may be just large enough to hold on.

In all. Somerset seems to have one safe Liberal Democrat seat, one safe Conservative seat, two probable Conservative seats, and five which cannot at this stage be predicted with any confidence. I do not think this puts the result of the national election in doubt: Labour is going to win. But with seven of these nine seats uncertain, and five of them genuinely unpredictable, the range of possible national outcomes must still be very

On May I, the Somerset results could be anything from eight Conservative seats down to one: Labour could win two or none; the Liberal Democrats could win seven or one. It will be an exciting election night.

Wetter the devil you know

However remote. their chances, the Tories appear

united. But what if they win?

The Tories have had one big success in the campaign. They have avoided talking about what might happen in a fifth term. The election has so far mainly been about whether Labour can now be trusted in government. The Tories have had to deal with recurrent "sleaze" stories, but what they might do over the next five years has largely been ignored.

Of course, virtually no one thinks the Tories will be re-elected, despite misleading headlines focusing on sharp drops in the Labour lead. What matters is underlying shares of the vote, and the shift here is less dramatic. As last week's MORI poll for The Times suggested, the Tories are rising from the narrow band around 30 per cent where they had been for 18 months. But the movement is so small, and the amount of ground the Tories need to recover before May I so large, that Labour is still heading for a clear, if not landslide, victory.

The concentration on Labour suits the Tories. It has been a central part of the their "better the devil you know" strategy to question whether "new" Labour can be trusted. Last January, Danny Finkelstein, the director of the Conservative Research Department, and Andrew Cooper, his deputy, wrote a strategy paper entitled "The danger is in the detail", arguing that while Tony Blair was able to deflect broader challenges about the meaning of "new" Labour, he was more vulnerable to precise questioning about inconsistencies in policy on the unions, privatisation and taxes. So it has proved in Labour's discomfiture over the past ten days, resulting in yesterday's "Blair takes charge" move.



But is the "devil you know" an accurate projection of what a re-elected Tory government would be like? The Tory manifesto offered fresh ideas - Peter Lilley's pensions plan, transferring personal allowances between married couples, the break-up of public housing estates to counter the view that the Government is stale. Nonetheless, John Major sought to create a safe, moreof-the-same impression. This does not mean the status quo, since social security changes and the dismantling of local authority control of schools would continue in a fifth term. But, equally, a re-elected Major govern-ment would not dramatically roll back the size of the state or introduce deep tax cuts which many on the freemarket Right would like. The manifesto referred just to keeping spending at less than 40 per cent of

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national income, rather than aiming for, say, 35 per cent. And a 20p basic rate was described as an "aim", while the Right's desire for the abolition of capital gains and inheritance taxes was watered down by the Treasury to just reducing their burden.

But as the Institute for Fiscal Studies argued last week, published spending plans, accepted by Labour, are very tight and cannot be achieved without cuts in public services. A reelected Tory Government would probably continue the recent combination of squeezing here and there and cutting back some social security entitlements, but being forced to accept some rise in spending above current plans, and therefore no real reduction in the tax burden. Despite a

further shift to private provision, the health service and schools would remain free to users under Mr Major. Labour claims about the imposition of VAT on food or charges for visits to doctors are groundless scare stories.

The question is whether this anproach would be sustained if there was a change in Tory leadership. At present the party wants to project a centrist image, as shown by who appears most often at press conferences alongside Mr Major. The prominence of Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke is partly to reinforce the sure, tested and trustworthy message. You know where you are with old Hezza, and Ken has delivered the economic goods. But both are bogey figures for a large section of the Tory party. Despite

being the most successful member of

the Cabinet, Mr Clarke is generally seen as an also-ran in any leadership : contest because of his strong pro-European views, while Mr Heseltine is regarded an elder statesman enjoying his last hurrah as a brilliant campaigner. The other most frequent attenders at news conferences have been Major allies such as lan Lang and Gillian Shephard.

By contrast, the rising figures on

the Right - Michael Howard, Michael Portillo and Peter Lilley - have made only fleeting appearances at the London news conferences. Mr Portillo has, admittedly, been a frequent broadcaster, but in his ultra-loyalist mode (for once, easily eclipsing John Redwood). Other usually, vocal figures on the Right have been largely silent. Many are waiting for May 1, and the expected defeat, to attack the current leadership and to urge a return to fundamentals (back to basics being rather discredited) on the size of the state, taxes and, of course, Europe. That is where the carefully cultivated safe-and-sure image has been most strained, with open defiance of the wait-and-see policy on the single currency by so many Tory candidates and, more deviously, by a number of ministers.

Te will soon be hearing more of the Tory plans on education, law and order, unions and public services. But on the issue about which many Tories feel most passionare - Europe and the single currency - Mr Heseltine and Mr Clarke no longer speak for the bulk of the party. They are the Tories' most acceptable. and reassuring, public faces during an election, but for how much longer? On Friday, Mr Major declined to say whether Mr Clarke would be reappointed Chancellor if the Tories win. despite his symbolic importance for the One Nation, pro-European Tories.

The simmering tensions within the Tory party would not disappear even with victory. The direction of domestic policy might continue as in recent years, but the balance of the party would shift - against the likes of Mr Heseltine and Mr Clarke. They are figures of the party's past and present, not its future.

Party politic

John Major if he fails to be returned as Prime Minister next month. He has received one of the most treasured invitations at the Cannes Film Festival — to his great friend Shirley Bassey's 60th birth-

The official answer from Huntingdon has been no. for an affirmative response would only suggest that Major accepts he is going to lose. But I understand that if defeat comes, he could well change his mind and head off to the

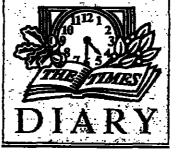
THERE is a consolation prize for south of France with Norma to enjoy the glamorous night on May 10 on board the yacht Penelope, which belongs to millionaire Henrik Jönsson.

Prince Edward is expected to attend, while Prince Andrew and Sir Denis and Lady Thatcher have been invited to join 120 other guests who will be flown in from as far afield as California and Cardiff,

Shirley Bassey's home town. The Majors still retain fond memories of the Conservative Party's winter ball this year, where a



Lady sings for the blues: chanteuse Bassey with admirer Major den Irish Forum last week. We are vassing last week and ended up in المنافية الأدينية والمراوي والمراوية والمراوية



scantily-clad Bassey gyrated like a Spice Girl in front of the Prime Minister as she sang Big Spender. performance that he later dropped

The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. appeared so shell-shocked by her the bottle of whisky he won on the tombola. He has not been invited.

Card trick

OVER in the Republic, the Irish may be trying to woo Labour. But in Camden, north London, they spit when the names of the party's local candidates, Frank Dobson and Glenda Jackson, are

mentioned. Dobson and Jackson are accused of shunning the Irish community after turning down requests to at-

deeply angered," said a Forum sman. "It is their duty to debate local issues as our elected

The Tories and the Lib Dems put up a candidate apiece, so organisers placed cardboard cutouts in the Labour candidates' places. "The Dobson cut-out had one more dimension than the man himself," said one audience participant, who said the episode smacked of the day Roy Hattersley failed to show up on the BBC's Have I Got News For You, and they placed a tub of lard in his stead.

 Tony Blair's biographer, the journalist Jon Sopel, has become the pin-up of John Major's British Midlands flight which tours the country with the journalists back in cargo class. The flight crew, report colleagues, are so taken with his dashing dark looks that one of them leaves cards of admiration on his seat, signed only with a print of a lipstick kiss. "It's baffling him," says one. "He has no idea if the messages are from a stewardess or from a steward."

Limp excuse

AFTER the Conservative Jerry tend an election debate at the Cam- Hayes took a punch in the jaw can-

hospital, another Tory has been forced to bow out temporarily while on the stump. Robert Vaudry, the former private secretary to Sir Edward Heath and candidate for Leyton and Wanstead in east London, collapsed while canvassing outside an underground station. "My leg just shot through with pain. I had an infection," he said. "I was carted off to hospital where I waited for four hours before being seen by a doctor." Tomorrow it's back to the streets - on crutches.



"I was disqualified for intimidation"

■ There is a remarkable eclecticism to the activities of Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare. This weekend found the novelist and Tory morale-booster on the A4118 to Swansea, directing motorway traffic. Archer stepped into his new role when a van and a lorry collided in front of his BMW as he travelled to South Wales on the election trail. "I just stood in the middle of the road and took over," he explained. "Both drivers were hurt and there was a danger that the ambulances would not have been able to get through." He will be pleased to learn that his initiative earned him admirers among the South Wales police force. "Lord Archer did a fine job, " a spokesman concluded. "He acted like a paid-up member of the force."

Girl power

AFTER the successful entry into the political fray of Martin Bell's photogenic daughter Melissa in Tatton, the Referendum Party in Berwick-upon-Tweed has taken a leaf out of the anti-corruption candidate's book

Ned Lambton, the party's candidate for Berwick and heir to the former Tory Minister Lord Lambton. has enlisted the support of his wife, 26-year-old Catherine Lambton.



Roped in: Catherine Lambton

For the purpose of the campaign, they have abandoned their titles. Lord and Lady Durham.

Despite Lambton's success so far with the local fishing community who detest Europe's quotas -Catherine is joining imminently to boost his chances. She intends to abandon her job in London with the Lebanese publisher Naim Attallah, who has been weeping quietly ever since hearing of her planned departure.

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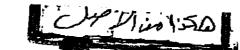
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TIME TO TURN ON

A long election campaign reaches its most significant stage

Lady Thatcher has never hidden a complete contempt for consensus. But her comments yesterday that "three weeks is quite long enough" for an election because otherwise "people get bored" will meet with almost universal approval. Nor do her observations look misplaced. Despite some imaginative innovations, the broadcasters are attracting fewer viewers to their coverage on this occasion. The BBC, which introduced an extended Nine O'Clock News from the outset of the contest, seems to have suffered for its public spirited decision.

The length of the campaign must be partly responsible. The political parties have a limited supply of policy announcements to distribute over a much longer period. Most of the main personalities and manifesto pledges are already rather familiar. Voters are now more sceptical about promises from all politicians. As a result there are some moments when photo-opportunities and soundbites are all that the party machines can offer. The media is rightly obliged to record the action regardless. Novelty and controversy have rarely been abundant.

The six-week slog, though, is only one reason why voters might be rationing their attention. The similarities between the two main parties must mean that many people are neither fanatical nor fearful about the eventual outcome. Their relative relaxation might permit a more selective attitude towards the election. That in itself could be considered a beneficial development. It is one for which Lady Thatcher herself bears considerable responsibility. The large Labour lead recorded in all opinion surveys may have made this battle less absorbing than the cliff-hanger contest five years ago.

This has been an exceptionally long Parliament and pre-campaign as well as an extended final battle. There are millions who, unfortunately for John Major, made up their minds some years ago and are not inclined to mull the matter further. Such citizens are far from uninterested in the hallot box. But they do not feel the need for saturation politics. Without a really dramatic event, this six-week show cannot shake their intentions. That is a perfectly

legitimate position to take in a democracy. There are now 17 days to run before Britain makes its collective choice. If this were a campaign of conventional duration that point would not be distant from the outset. For all the indifferent reviews this election has rightly received so far there is every reason to believe the remaining weeks will be considerably more exciting. Although the parties are closer than before on many issues there are also important differences which have been emerging. Europe, which politicians from all sides probably wanted to suppress, will take its proper prominence.

The opinion polls, although solid for the Opposition, have shown some signs of unpredictability. The next seven days will indicate whether there is real substance in this tentative Tory revival. If the Labour margin shrinks then national attention will sharpen. Tony Blair is about to discover how right Harold Wilson was when he said that a week was a long time in politics. Many of those who are now certain about how their vote will be cast may yet find that events oblige them to reconsider.

We have reached the point where the contest could come alive and really engage the British public. Nothing would encourage and extend that process more than the first televised debate between the party leaders. Mr Major and Mr Blair would serve both their private and the public interest if they accepted our offer to provide the forum. If proceedings to date have bored some and turned off others that is because certain figures have been so cautious and defensive. The time has come to stress the cut and thrust that should be the essence of elections. As Lady Thatcher's tenure showed, there is far more to politics than merely changing the colour of the Downing Street curtains.

INDIA'S NADIR

The country teeters as the Congress Party rots

In its 50 years as the capital of a democratic India, Delhi has often played host to venal politicians, vulgar fixers and unprincipled satraps. It has seen frequent turmoil in government, treachery in office, and pandemonium in parliament. Yet nothing in the vears since the country's indepen match the events of this last week. No depth has been as low, no nadir as bewildering.

As our Delhi correspondent writes today, India has begun to look for a new Government, only ten months after the country's last general elections. The Prime Minister, H.D.Deve Gowda, leader of a rough-hewn but increasingly effective coalition, was I forced to resign on Friday after he lost a needless vote of confidence in Parliament. This was caused by the sudden and dubious decision of the minority Congress Party. driven by the hubris of its leader. Sitaram Kesri, to withdraw its support from Mr Deve Gowda.

Why did Mr Kesri topple the Government? Depressingly, there can only be one answer: because he wanted to be Prime Minister himself. He will not, of course, achieve that ambition, as he has neither the numbers in Parliament nor, now, the political credibility to do so, but his act of singular over-ambition threatens to derail the country at a most fragile time in its history.

India should now be focussing on its economic reforms, its pressing social and religious tensions, and its peace talks with Pakistan. There had, until recently, been encouraging developments in all of these areas. This vast nation had seem poised to fulfill its great potential. Instead, its politicians will now haggle with each other not in smoke-filled rooms, this being India, but with cash-filled briefcases - in search of a workable coalition of uncertain ideology and mercurial principle. If the search fails, as is not improbable, the country will face expensive election, costing the impoverished Indian taxpayer £300 million to organise. India does not need another election, just

as it did not need a new Government. Ironically, if one were to be held the Congress Party would face an almost total rout. That, of course, would be no more than it deserves. The party of India's freedom movement, and of most of its post-independence Governments, is today a tainted rabble. It has no leaders of stature. no consistent programme, no respectable principles and very little popular support. Its present poisons its past, and there would be no cause for mourning if it transpires that Mr Kesri's undignified grab for power has effectively killed the party off.

The immediate task is to ensure that chaos does not reign for long in the Lok Sabha, India's lower house, and that a coalition is cobbled together capable of putting into effect the country's ground-breaking 1997-98 budget. There are early indications that India's political parties, for all their squabbling, might be willing to put differences to one side and vote to pass the budget later this month. Such co-operation could serve as a template for a durable multi-party administration that removed the need for fresh elections. That is the only good news to emerge from Delhi this week.

ENDS AND MEANS

Vote Goldsmith to evict Mellor

It can be fatal in politics to elevate the means above the end. By making a fetish of nationalisation and state control rather than looking at how best to achieve progressive ends past Labour governments wasted their energies in office and made office itself less likely. The criticism that was levelled at Harold Wilson's Labour Party could now be directed at the man he knighted as one of his last acts in office. Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, which held its first rally of the campaign yesterday at the Alexandra Palace, has not yet had the impact it might. It has, unfortunately, elevated the means, a referendum, above the end, a new relationship with the rest of Europe.

Yet Sir James himself has done democracy a service by ensuring a fuller debate on the most important issue facing the country at this election. It is important that his voice is not muted after May I. Last week, The Times argued that Parliament would be an impoverished place without the re-election of Norman Lamont and Liz Lynne. There are other individuals, of all parties, whom we feel would enrich politics if they were elected. It is in the interests of pluralism that diverse voices and endangered arguments are heard in the next Parliament. For that reason. The Times hopes that the people of Putney will ensure that Sir James Goldsmith

takes his place in the Commons. Sir James's opponent, David Mellor, has derisively instructed the billionaire to "stick · · to his day job". It is advice he would have been better following himself. Few MPs can spare the time, as Mr Mellor does, to host radio phone-ins, write for a variety of

has not tried, like other wealthy men. to buy influence for himself but rather has attempted to restore some influence over Britain's destiny to its people. By his intervention he has already nudged both Labour and Tories into promising a referen-

Sir James insists that opposing a single his part in that process.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Election 97: small firms, immigration and Lords reform Picking at bones

From the Editor of Small Business News

Sir. The letter you published today from five small businessmen, declaring their support for the Labour Party, says that they are associated with 79 others - 84 in total. I suspect that at least 840,000 other small businesses might take a different view.

Perhaps your correspondents are too young to remember the conditions for small businesses under Labour up until 1979. Alas, I and my wife started our small business just as Wilson and then Callaghan managed to take inflation up to 28 per cent, interest rates to 15.5 per cent, and top rates of taxa-tion to 98 per cent. I couldn't get a phone line to start my own business from the nationalised BT for two years because they "didn't have any lines available". Ye gods, that era was a nightmare.

The current Cabinet may have its shortcomings, but it contains 11 people with real experience of industry, commerce, finance and economics. The Shadow Cabinet includes nine who were college, polytechnic, or junior university lecturers - not a professor or headmaster in sight - and not one with direct experience of the economy.

I have just completed an interview with the Prime Minister, to be published next week, on the subject of small businesses. I can assure your readers that his understanding of the small business sector is not just sympathetic, as you would expect from a son of a small businessman, but that he is fully conversant with the require-ments of stability, low taxation and a reduction in bureaucracy.

More than one million new businesses have flourised since 1979: inflation and interest rates are as low as I can remember. I know where my cross and that of vast numbers of other businessmen will be going, and it is not to a media-driven egocentric who cannot even sustain a policy commitment for a week.

Yours faithfully, ARTHUR J. A. BELL, Editor, Small Business News, Curzon House. Church Road, Windlesham, Surrey.

From the Chairman of the

Sir. This charity has extensive involve-

ment with moral education in schools,

and we applaud the intervention by

the Archbishop of Canterbury in what

has to date been an undernourished

debate on a vital subject ("Morals are

As a nation we are in danger of be-

ing so terrified about bias in moral

education that, as with political educa-

tion, we steer clear of real-life debate

The hullabaloo which greeted the

report on moral education by the nat-

ional forum set up by the School Cur-

riculum and Assessment Authority

(details, October 29, 1996) says much

about the enfeebled muddle into

which discussion of this topic has

In our experience teachers and their

pupils are much more fair-minded

and robust than many give them cre-

dit for. Attempts at indoctrination are

very rare and invariably ineffective.

More to the point, young people

respond avidly to the chance to devel-

op their powers of moral reasoning

and, where they are given that chance,

we find the results are universally

faint hearts. Shortage of cash and the

overweening preoccupation with lea-

gue tables have led to a continuing

decrease in the time and resources

which schools feel able to make avail-

able for anything but examinable sub-

The difficulties are not just those of

made in the classroom, April 10).

Citizenship Foundation

in the classroom.

gratifying.

From Mr R. M. Parcell

Sir, Bishop Joe Aldred of the Black and White Christian Partnership and four other church leaders (letter, April 4) urge political parties to do or say nothing in the election campaign which may stir up racial harred or lead to racial prejudice. Fair enough. But the signatories seem to be advocating in effect a gag on any discussion of immigration policy, however temperately and rationally discussed. If so, this is both undernocratic and in the longer run probably unhelpful to

decent race relations. You report (April 9) Mr Michael Howard as saying that strict immigration controls go hand in hand with better race relations, a view I believe to be widely accepted by many immigrants themselves. Rising numbers tend to increase unemployment amonest some immigrant communities and to heighten the chances of ra-

cial attacks in both directions. Electors should be entitled to know the policies of the main political parties on this important issue.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL PURCELL, French Mill Cottage, French Mill Lane, Shaftesbury, Dorset. April 10.

From Lord Renton, QC

Sir, Mr John Birchmore and Mr Marcus Elliott, who want an elected second chamber (letters, April 7), presumably assume that it would be as efficient as the present House of Lords, which is unlikely.

The main responsibility of the

Lords is the revision of legislation, which comes to us from the Commons needing a great deal of improvement. not only of drafting but of operational effect. Each session we have to make 1,000 and sometimes even more than 2,000 amendments, nearly all of which the Commons accept, although they have the last word.

The Lords are in a strong position to ask the Commons to think again because of their immense range of expertise not available in the Commons. Besides the law lords and the bishops.

Archbishop's ideas on teaching morals in the classroom

That is why the SCAA and the Arch-

bishop are right to seek to push moral

and citizenship education up the cur-

riculum agenda. For the country's

sake, we devoutly hope that it will be a

Sir, George Carey is wrong about

right and wrong. It isn't true that "our

society has become morally reticent.

even inarticulate"; it isn't "a popular cultural assumption" that "what is

right is simply a matter of individual opinion", or that "morality is a purely

private affair"; it isn't right to suggest

that there are "false theories of priva-

tised morality", or that any serious

person doubts the need for a society to

It is also wrong to suggest that there

should be a single moral authority or

that there are absolute moral values;

after all, even the most moralistic in-

stitutions have relative values - early

Christians changed their views of cir-

cumcision and diet, the Sabbath and

the synagogue, and later Christians

changed their views of heresy and

witchcraft, slavery and contraception.

be moral education in schools, but

there is much doubt about what form

it should take and whether it should

There is no doubt that there should

priority for the next Government.

Yours sincerely

Weddel House,

Chairman.

April 11.

ANDREW PHILLIPS.

Citizenship Foundation.

13 West Smithfield, ECI.

From Mr Nicolas Walter

ave "shared values".

there are past and present Cabinet Ministers, former ambassadors, top civil servants, heads of the Armed Forces and trade unions. We have heads of universities, and representatives of commerce and industry and of every profession. We have successful landowners, farmers and foresters, journalists, broadcasters and authors.

Charities are well represented. If the Lords were replaced by a democratically elected chamber, it would become a mere microcosm of the Commons and the performance of Parliament would decline.

Yours faithfuily. DAVID RENTON, House of Lords.

From Mr Michael Reid

Sir, I rather like the House of Lords as it is, even if there may be one or two curmudgeons amongst them. It does a good job and precisely because its members don't have to get elected we are spared all the hogwash we get from politicians who need votes.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL REID, 15 Argyle Road, Mudeford, Dorset. April 10.

The Tatton factor

From Mr Hammond Smith

Sir, I have never voted for the Tory Party, and I don't expect I ever will. However, I do fervently hope that Neil Hamilton wins Tatton with a massive majority, for I can't help feeling that the media, the other political parties and Martin Bell in particular, have behaved quite abominably.

At this point Neil Hamilton is innocent of any charge, yet Martin Bell, by standing as an anti-sleaze, anti-corruption candidate — and the other parties in supporting him - have by implication already condemned Mr I find that outrageous.

be controlled by political parties and

"widespread moral confusion" in our

society affects those in authority as

much as anyone else, and it should

teach children to question what they

are told and to learn how to make up

their own minds in the area of moral-

Sir. It would be wrong to burden

schools with unrealistic expectations of what they can achieve by them-

selves", says Dr Carey. I agree. Why do not all the local churches

come together and set up a religious

period each day (20 minutes, say).

immediately before or after school

where the supervision, control and

instruction would be entirely in their

hands, using their trained staff in-

stead of burdening further our teach-

There should be a class for each of

the local faiths willing to participate

and, yes, one for agnostics/non believ-

Tudor House, 3 Belle Vue Walk,

West Parley, Ferndown, Dorser.

'Luxury' of recycling

ers, not split by grades.

Yours faithfully,

C. A. PALMER.

April 10.

Above all, such education should

rely take account of the fact that the

Yours faithfully. HAMMOND SMITH. 3) Dukes Drive, Leicester.

religious denominations.

ity, as everywhere else.

NICOLAS WALTER,

From Mr C. A. Palmer

Rationalist Press Association.

88 Islington High Street, NI.

Yours &c.

April 10.

of 'flute' discovery

From Mr S. W. G. Davies

Sir, It is, I think, significant that the excavators of the Divje Babe site in western Slovenia have been so secretive about their discovery of a Neanderthal "flute" (report, April 5).

No relevant publications have been forthcoming, and most researchers regard this "instrument" as nothing more than the result of carnivore gnawing/perforation of a cave bear

As can be seen from your picture, the bone is virtually complete, with swelling at either end, and could never have been as much as 15 inches long. The fact that the bone has only two holes is significant. It does not take a genius to replicate these holes ad infinitum along any length of tube, producing an instrument of great cap-

The Neanderthal association with this "flute" is based, it seems, on the presence of a solitary stone tool some distance away, presumed to be analogous with others made by Neanderthals. However, as such tools have also been found in assemblages apparently manufactured by anatomically-modern humans, such an association must be dubious.

I have myself handled the earliest indisputable musical instruments: they comprise two reed pipes made from bird bone, found in southern Germany and dated between 33,000 and 36,000 years ago. They are associated with representational sculpture and are presumed to have been made by people like ourselves.

The manufacture of "tools" to make abstract sounds -- ie, musical instruments - implies that people must have been using such sounds much earlier. Such artefacts therefore represent a terminus ante quem for organised patterns of sound, formed into language.

Yours faithfully, S. W. G. DAVÍES, University of Cambridge, Dorothy Garrod Laboratory for Palaeolithic Research, Downing Street, Cambridge.

Ginsberg achievement

From Mr Michael Horovitz

Sir, Pace your obituary (April 7). Allen Ginsberg won several major literary prizes, including the US National Book Award in 1973, the Robert Frost Medal "for distinguished poetic achievement" in 1986, and the American Book Award "for literary excellence" in 1990 - not that he set much store by such laurels.

Over 40 volumes of Ginsberg's poerry have been published, not the dozen or so remarked by the obituary. And the most debilitating "earthly passion" his teacher Chogyam Trungpa indulged was alcoholism (mainly vodka), rather than "women, cars and cannabis".

The obituary closed by stating that Ginsberg "leaves no survivors". This is true in that no children seem to have derived from his loins; but his life's work has probably influenced and enriched the lives and works of more spiritual and poetic descendants than that of any other poet this century.

By the way, the opening lines which ou quote from Howl end "... looking r an angry fix" (not an "active" one).

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HOROVITZ Editor.

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Darrens and Deans

From Miss Christina Gorna Sir, In the 20 years since I resumed

full-time practice at the Bar I have had Il pupils. My present pupil, Darren, is one of the brightest of the lot and was certainly not "born to fail at school" (report, April 2: letter, April 8). His predecessors were called Stu-

art, Peter, Michael, Stefan, Samantha, Rebecca, Rupert, Mark, Richard and Alexander. What can this mean? They have all done very well, incident-

Yours sincerely, CHRISTINA GORNA, Castle Chambers. 3 Queens Terrace, Exeter, Devon.

From Mr Michael Grosvenor Myer Sir, I should be most interested to

know in which school "set" your correspondent, Mr Arthur Tahner, put the new pupils called Michael - and. for that matter, the Arthurs.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL GROSVENOR MYER, 34 West End. Haddenham, Cambridge. April 8.

Remembered hills

From Mr Martin A. Locke

Sir. Three letters today, and home of Monday's Grand National winner -Shropshire on the map, at last.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN A. LOCKE, Church Farmhouse. Astley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire,

journals and act as a consultant to arms companies and others. Most MPs concentrate on representing their constituents and scrutinising legislation. Given the reluctance that Mr Mellor shows to devote more of his time to the Commons, the people of Putney would be doing him a kindness if they relieved him altogether of the responsibility of having to turn up. Sir James, like Mr Mellor, may be a wealthy man but he is spending his money in the interests of the democratic process. He

dum on entry to a single currency.

currency is fighting integration on too narrow a front. He believes that a wider plebiscite is required to enable Britain to fight effectively for a Europe of nation states. A referendum on Maastricht could have been a brake on integration but the battle has shifted. Other countries are determined to pursue policies which no British plebiscite will influence. What is required now is not a referendum on the past, but a cool determination of British interests in the future and a vigorous pursuit of them in every forum. Sir James would be well-equipped to play

Funeral standards

Italy and EMU From the Ambassador of Italy

Sir, With reference to Anthony Harris's article (Analysis, Business, April 9), I must point out that Italy has never officially asked for a delay of EMU. On the contrary, we have been making quite remarkable efforts (not without sacrifices for our people) in order to he part of monetary union from January, 1999.

Even though the debate in Italy on such a crucial issue is very lively, it is not only the parties that support the Government which favour a common European currency. The Opposition, too, is very well aware of the likely negative political and economic consequences for Italy of being kept outside

Our Foreign Minister. Signor Lamberto Dini, has stated that "a one year delay would be very useful for all the States". But he added that Italy is making every possible effort to enter EMU from the very beginning.

I hope I have dispelled any doubt on our commitment to EMU.

Yours sincerely, PAOLO GALLI, Italian Embassy. 4 Grosvenor Square, WI. April II.

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From Professor Geoffrey Woodroffe, Funeral Ómbudsman

Sir. Your report, "Funerals watchdog condemns services" (April 9), says that higher compensation payments awarded by me could be a sign that funeral standards are deteriorating.

As you stated, I upheld seven complaints against funeral directors, but these were a minute percentage of the 600,000 funerals each year. Though three of these related to serious failures which merited compensation for distress of over £1,000, they were isolated and unusual cases.

One possible interpretation might be that these awards mark a deterioration in standards - but it is not mine. I made that clear in my report. Yours sincerely.

GEOFFREY WOODROFFE. Funeral Ombudsman. 25-28 Bedford Row, WCI.

Long-sighted?

From Mr John Rogers Sir, Having got used to the idea that

my aged eyesight (70 this year) requires the aid of spectacles to read a car number plate at the statutory distance of 20 metres, I find it odd that, with the naked eye, I can see a comet 120 million miles away.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ROGERS. 20 Olde Farme Drive. Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey. .

From Dr David A. Harris,

Secretary General of the Aluminium Federation

Sir, The Mayor of Washington, who has suspended the city's recycling scheme because "it is a luxury the nation's capital can no longer afford" (letters, April 11), risks losing the baby with the bathwater. Of all the materials in the waste

stream - chiefly plastic glass, newsprint, steel and aluminium - the latter is the most valuable. Recycling it from household waste, or indeed any other source, has always been economic, not so much on the grounds of saving raw materials (8 per cent of the Earth's crust is aluminium) but on the grounds of the energy savings made when the aluminium is recycled rather than produced from ore.

For this reason the UK aluminium industry has invested heavily in the infrastructure to collect, sort and reprocess aluminium beverage cans and foil before those materials get into the waste stream. Collected aluminium cans have a

value of £450 per tonne to individuals and collection groups and a trade value of £750 per tonne on delivery to our recycling centres. Our industry will economically recycle all the aluminium that is collected. Yours faithfully.

DAVID A. HARRIS. Secretary General. Aluminium Federation Ltd. Broadway House, Calthorpe Road. Five Ways, Birmingham 15.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 13: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon left Royal Air Force Northolt for Germany where His Royal Highness attended the Opening Ceremony of the Hano ver Trade Fair.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Richards was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the Highland Group Riding for the Disabled Association at the Highland Rid-ing Centre, Bortum Farm, Drumnadrochit, Inverness-shire,

Luncheon

County Down Lieutenancy The Lord-Lieutenant of County Down, Mr William Hall, presided at a luncheon for Colonel and Mrs William Brownlow yesterday at Larchfield to mark Colonel Brownlow's recent retirement as Lord-Lieutenant.

Nature notes

THE first young birds of the year are coming out of their nests. Families of downy mallard ducklings swim close behind their parents, or speed back across the water to them if they get separated. A few young song-thrushes are also out and about these early fledglings will have a better chance of surviving in this warm spring.

Sedge warblers are back from Africa, and are singing by lakes and rivers: they have a rich song that mingles many sweet and harsh notes. They are hard to see when they lurk in reeds or thick waterside bushes, but every now and then they hurl themselves into the air, singing as they rise

The large yellow flowers of marsh marigold are open at the edge of ponds. By roadjack-by-the-hedge, or garlic



Birthdays

today

Sir Patrick Brown, civil servant, 57;

Mr Roy Cameron, former Chief Constable, Dumfries and Gallo-

way, 50; the Earl of Chichester, 53;

Miss Julie Christie, actress, 57;

Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton.

66: Miss Susan Davies, photog-

rapher, 64; Sir John Gielgud, CH.

actor, 93; Mr Gerry Gillman, trade

unionist, 70; Mr Ivor Guest, ballet

writer, 77: Mr C.J.M. Haines.

former chief executive, Jockey Club, 58; Miss Eiddwen Harrhy.

soprano, 48; Lord Hastings, 85; the

Right Rev Dr David Hope, Arch-

bishop of York, 57; Mr Paddy

Hopkirk, rally driver, 64; Mr

Julian Lloyd Webber, cellist, 46;

Miss L.E.M. Mackie, former

Headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 71; Colonel Sir

Robert Macrae, former Lord-

Lieutenant of Orkney, 82; Bar-

mess Masham of Ihon, 62; Mr

P.G.A. Ramsay, former controller.

BBC Scotland, 71; Dr J.M. Roberts.

former Warden, Merton College,

Oxford, 69: the Ven R.H. Roberts,

former Chaplain of the Fleet, 66:

Mr David Skipper, former Head-master, Merchant Taylors' School,

66; Mr Rod Steiger, actor, 72; Baroness Symons of Vernham

Dean, 46; Sir Peter Thompson,

former president, National Freight

Company, 69; Mr George Walker,

former chief executive, Brent

Walker Group, 68; Baroness

Warnock, 73; Mr Paul Wilkinson,

chairman, Ranks Hovis McDougall, 52

The sedge warbler

mustard, are opening among rosettes of large, jagged leaves.

The smoky purple flowers of ground ivy form carpets along the woodland edges. Leaves are unfolding on the lime trees: at first they are. globe shaped, and look like green lamps as the sunlight shines through them. Orangetip butterflies have emerged from the chrysalis rather early this year and are flying over

School news

Breatwood School

Trinity Term begins today. The Choral Society will sing Walton's Belshazzar's Feast at Brentwood Cathedral on April 26. The CCF Open Evening will take place on May 16 in the presence of Briga-dier J. Smales, ADC, Assistant Chief of Staff Reserves, on May 16. Half term is from May 24 until June 1. The Commemoration Service, Speech Day and Promenade Concert will be held on June 28. Term ends on Friday, July 4.

The Summer Term begins today. The Summer Open Day will be on Saturday, May 17, between 10am

Canford has awarded the following Scholarships for September 1997, many provided by the Assyrian Frieze Fund:

160 Awards
A. Lucey, C.F.S. Bertridge, H.S. Dograf, K. Lwange, E.W. Barcellos, R.C. Bridgeman, J.E. Balchi, A.A.P. Haysoni, S.A. Turnbull, 124 Awards

R.C. Bridgeman, J.E. Batch, A.P., Haysom, S.A. Turnbull.

13+ Awards
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The Old Canfordian Society would be particularly interested to hear from former pupils with whom it

The Cricket Quarter begins today. Alexis Everington continues as Head of School and Nicola Clayton as Head Girl. Andrew

Hollingsworth is Captain of

Service dinners

RNC Dartmonth

Cricket There will be a lunchtime concert by the Special Choir and String Orchestra at St Martin-inthe Fields on Tuesday, May 6. Exeat will be from Saturday, May 24.-to Thursday, May 29. Old Carthusian Day will be on Sat-urday, June 28. The Quarter ends on Saturday, July 5. Haileybury & Imperial Service

begins today. L.C.H. Sherriff (Lawrence) continues as Head of

School. The Summer Concert will be on May 23 and Speech Day on May 24 when the preacher at the Commemoration Service will be the Rev-R:W. Bowen and the Guest of Honour and Speaker will be Professor Richard Whitfield, The Haileybury Orchestra and Choir will give a concert at St Martin-inthe Fields at 750pm on Tuesday, May 13. The annual reunion for those who left between 1965 and 1985 will be held on Saturday, June 7, at moon. Term ends on July 5.

The John Lyon School, Harrow The Summer Term begins today and finishes on Saturday, July 5. The Summer Concert to include Mozart Piano Concerto No 12 in A Major (K414) and Beethoven's Mass in C will be held on Saturday, May 10, at 8pm in St John's Church, Greenhill. Speeches will be at 10.30am on Saturday, July 5, and the Guest of Bogdanov.

The Levs School The Summer Term at The Leys begins today and boarders re-turned yesterday. The musical Grease will be performed by Lower School pupils on May 15, 16 and 17. There is an Open Morning on May 17. Half term is from May 15 to 31. The Leys Junior Challer for Prep School pupils aged II and over is on June 23. The Summer Ball is on June 27 and term ends with Speech Day on June 28. Northbourne Park Preparatory

School, Kent The Summer term begins today with 229 pupils (60 boarders) on roll. Prior to Year 8's presentation

of 1st World War poetry on April 18, Hugh McManners (Sunday Times Defence Correspondent will give a talk today on "War". Modern Language teachers in Kent will meet up at the school on May 2 for their annual training meeting, "Celebration Day" for a parents, friends and pupils will take place on May 5. Northbourne children will leave for their home stay visit to Bourg-en-Bresse on May 22. The School Leaders' trip to Futuroscope in Poitiers will go ahead on a date to be announced. The Friends of Northbourne Park Ball is on May 31. The school play. Bel and the Dragon, will be per-

formed on June 26 and 27. Speech

day will take place on June 28. Oakham School

Summer Term at Oakham School begins today. Confirmation takes place on Saturday, May 3. The Leavers' Service will be held on Saturday, May 17. The Summer Concert on June 6 includes Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. The Big Band and the Chamber Orchestra will give evening and lunch-time concer the Oakham Festival, June 19-27. There will also be performances of the musical Barnum. Speech Day is Saturday, June 28 and the Guest of Honour will be Mr. LD. Buchanan, MBE, MA, DL, Headmaster of Oakham School 1958-77.

Pocklington School, York The Summer Term at Pocklington School begins today. Old Pocklingtonian Day takes place at the School on Sunday, June 29, and a memorial service for Mr James Eggleshaw takes place at Pocklington Parish Church at 9.15am on the same day. The term ends on Wednesday, July 2, 1997. Renton School

Summer Term at Repton School begins today. Speech Day will be on Saturday, May 24, when the guest of honour will be Professor David Wallace, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Loughborough and the preacher will be the Rev Lucy Winkett, Chaplain-des at St Paul's Cathedral.

Forthcoming marriages

and Mrs V. Coleman

The engagement is announced between Mr C.C.G. (Ric) Foot, OBE, of Oxted, and Mrs Vivien Coleman, of Crouch, Kent. Dr A. Law

and Miss C. Wrinch

The engagement is announced between Adam, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Law, of Winchcombe, Gloucestershire. and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr Peter Wrinch, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire, and Mrs Jean Wrinch, of Winchester, Hamoshire.

Mr M.E. Leaver and Miss A.G. Morgan

The engagement is announced between Marcus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Leaver, of St John's Wood, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Morgan, of

Cantain D.S. Nicol and Miss T.M. Ashworth

The engagement is announced between Captain D. Stuart Nicol, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's), youn-ger son of Dr and Mrs A. Græme Nicol, of Aberdeen, and Tessa, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Robin N. Ashworth, of Newton Abbot, Devon.

and Miss A.T. Fleming The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Novis, of Heddington, Wiltshire, and Annabel, younger daughter of the late Mr David Fleming and of Mrs

Mr D.R.K. Robb

and Miss L.B.S. McFerran The engagement is announced between Douglas, son of Dr and Mrs Derek Robb, of The Wirtal, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr Peter McFerran, of Germasogeia Dam, Cyprus, and Mrs Anna McFerran, of Nairobi, Kenya.

other faiths, HM Forces, the

emergency services, the arts, com-

organisations and other friends of

Sternberg Centre

Sir Alan Dawtry

Marriages

Earl of Ronaldshay and Miss H.A. Hoffman

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Corresbrooke, Northampton, of the Earl of Ronaldshay, elder son of the Marquess and Marchioness of Zetland, to Miss Heather Hoffman, elder daughter of Mr Robert Hoffman and of Mrs Richard Cazenove. The Rev Michael Thompson and Canon W.G. Glbbs officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr Richard Cazenove, was attended by Clemmie Brown, Poppy Dundas, Ruth Craig, Kate Haggie and Harry and Thomas Benyon. Mr Anthony Newman was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

The Hon Gavin Hamilton and Miss H. Roskill

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, April 12, at St Andrew's, Park Walk, London, of the Hon Gavin Hamilton, eldest son of Lord and Lady Hamilton of Dalzell, to Miss Harriet Roskill, younger daughter of Mr Thomas Roskill and of Mrs Elizabeth Roskill The Very Rev Michael Till. Dean of Winchester, and the Rev John Smith officiated.

The bride, who was given marriage by her father, was at-tended by Stella, Athene and Thomas Dilke, Daniel De Cunha Blaker and Atalandi Dixon. The Hon Robert Hamilton and the Hon John Hamilton were best men. A reception was held at Cheisea Town Hall.

Mr M.J.H. Meyneli and Miss R.J.B. Carr

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Ebbe. Oxford, of Mr Mark Meynell. lder son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopher Meynell, of Bergh Apton, Norfolk, to Miss Rachel Carr, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Carr, of Makindye Hill, Kampala, Uganda. The Re-D.J. Jackman, the Rev J. Hovil and Canon M. Meynell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Francesca Messenger-Jones, Hugo de Soissons, Mrs Lucy Hovil and Miss Catherine Warsap. Mr Christopher Lambert was best man. A reception was held at St Edward's School, Oxford, and the honeymoon will be

and Miss S.A. Chalklin

The marriage took place quietly at St Giles Church, Shipbourne, Kent, on March 7, 1997, between Sir Alan Dawtry and Miss Sally Ann Chalklin, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.P. Chalklin, of Fir Tree House, Ivy Hatch. Canon tan Hardaker officiated.

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The marriage took place on Saturday, April 12, 1997, at St Nicho-las' Church, Longparish, of Dr Mark Appleby, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Allan Appleby, of Ascot, to Miss Lucinda Thompson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Thompson, of East Aston House, Longparish. The Rev W. Robson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily Moore and Alexander and George Robarts. Mr James Appleby was best man. A reception was held at the home

of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.J. Fraser and Miss S.M. Struthers

The marriage took place on Sat-urday. April 12, at Baldemock Parish Church, of Mr James Fraser, elder son of General Sir-David and Lady Fraser, of Isington, Hampshire, to Miss Stephanie Struthers, eldest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Struthers, of Craigmaddie. Milngavie Canon Anthony Caesar and the Rev Harold Steven

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily Edmonstone, Rory McGrath, Katie Birdwood, India McGrath and Hector Fraser. Mr Andrew Crean was best man. A reception was held at

Craigmaddie and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ortelius, cartographer of first atlas. Antwerp, 1527; William Henry Bentinck, Duke of Portland, Prime Minister 1783 and 1807-09, Bulstrode, Buckinghamshire, 1738; Barbara Wootton, Baroness Wootton of Abinger, sociologist, Cambridge, 1897.

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DEATHS: James Hepburn, 4th Earl of Bothwell, husband of Mary Queen of Scots, Draxholm, Nor way, 1578; Thomas Otway, drama-tist, Tower Hill, 1685; George Frederic Handel, composer London, 1759: Ernest Bevin, trade unionist, Foreign Secretary 1945-51, London, 1951; Fredric March, actor, Los Angeles, 1975; F.R. Leavis, literary critic, Cambridge, 1978; Simone de Bezuvoir, writer, Paris, 1986.

The Yorkists defeated the Lancastrians at the Battle of Barnet and King Henry VI was deposed, 1471. The typhus vaccine was discovered by Dr Harry Plotz in New York, 1903.

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BIRTHS

BALL - On 8th April, to Martin and Susan (nee Jenkins), a son, James Alexander David, a brother for Hanry. CULHAME - On April 6th 1997, to Samantha (née Ashworth) and Julian, a daughter, Maddie Jennifer.

DARLINGTON - On April 7th 1997, to Patrick and Emma 1997, to Patrick and Engua (nee Dryland), a son, Robert Oscar Cranstone, to be known as Oscar, a brother to HINDAL - On March 29th 1997

at QE2 hospital, to Casig and Elaine, a boy Cameron

ADOPTIONS

CLARKE - On October 3rd 1996 to Estelle and Christopher a much loved daughter Lisa Katie born 14th April 1990. An elder sister for Astrid. DEATHS

AMEMAM - Patricia Mary (née Dobinson), Dr. Pat Alkaam MB CAB D Obst ECOG, died peacefully at home in Melton Mowbray, on Saturday 5th April 1997 aged 60. Reloved wife of Dr. Androw Alkaan, mother of Elizabeth and Michael, grandmother of Gordon and Cilve Riggins. The funeral will be on Wednesday 16th April at St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray at 10.30sm followed by a private followed by a private cremation. Departions in lieu cremation. Denotions in new of flowers to Letoestenshire Red Cross Society via Stevens Goodbern, 33 Scalford Road, Melton Mowhray, teh 481201.

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Service at Arundel Cathedral at 11.30 am, Monday 21st April. Family flowers only. Donations to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Enquiries to W. Bryder & Sons, Funcai Directors, tel. (01798) 342174.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR GLANVILLE WILLIAMS, QC

Glanville Williams, QC, FBA, former Rouse Ball Professor of English Law at Cambridge University, died on April 10 aged 86. He was born on February 15. 191 j.

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or more than half a century, the work of Gianvine value has made compulsory reading the work of Glanville Williams for every student of law at English and Commonwealth universities. He was a prolific and provocative writer, publishing widely in the fields of both civil and criminal law.

But his most substantial and lasting contribution may well prove to be his analytical Criminal Law: The General Part. Lucid in construction, and pathbreaking in its ability to make abstruse principles accessible, this fundamental work filled a yawning gap in English legal literature. It is still widely regarded as a basic textbook, establishing Williams as Britain's foremost scholar of criminal law. Equally, his pedagogical vade mecum. Learning the Law, came to be thrust by tutors in between the routine sherry parties upon all law undergraduates in their first week at college.

Williams, once described by a 'colleague as "the illegitimate child of Jeremy Bentham", had a brilliant analytical mind. He played an important part in a succession of bodies set up to review England's criminal law. Often he would take highly controversial stands.

He was one of the earlier advocates that police should use tape-recorders when interviewing criminal suspects. He was a passionate champion of euthanasia. He counteracted the argument that a change in euthanasia laws would put distressing pressure on old or dying people with the simple proposal that any legalisation of euthanasia should only be in the cases of those seriously ill and without any prospect of relief, and, of course, only with the patient's consent.

He was also an advocate of legalised abortion — a subject upon which he often locked horns with Lord Longford on the letters pages of The Times - and was president of the Abortion Law Reform Association. He also aroused controversy when he called for rape in marriage to come under the lesser offence of "marital abuse".

Glanville Liewelyn Williams came from a modest background. His father was a retail clothier, his mother a schoolteacher. He was always to retain something of the shyness of an only child.

He was educated at Cowbridge School, but at the age of 16 went to live



1943) published in 1944, Crown Pro-

ceedings (1948), Soint Obligations

(1949), Joint Torts and Contributory

Negligence (1950), and finally Founda-

tions of the Law of Tort (with Professor B. A. Hepple) (1976). Second, in rela-tion to criminal law, his most substan-

tial volume was Criminal Law: the

General Part, first published in 1953.

Also, now relatively unread, but in its

time a gem of provocation, was a mischievous jurisprudential essay

written in 1945, for the British Journal

of International Law, in which Wil-

liams effectively described all academic

Other books in this field reflected his

activities both here and abroad. His

Hamlyn Trust Lectures, under the title

The Proof of Guilt, came out in 1955.

The Sanctity of Life and the Criminal

Law was an outstanding, but highly

controversial, contribution to the fam-

ous series of Carpenter Lectures at

Columbia, published in 1958. In it he dealt with such sensitive topics as

abortion, control of conception, probi-

edition of The Reform of the Law (1951),

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Society and other Labour lawyers. The

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with an uncle in Aberystwyth. It was then that he made up his mind to devote himself to the study of law. This was a resolution to which he characteristically remained faithful.

He began his legal education at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and continued it at St John's College, Cambridge. A research Fellow at St John's, 1936-42, he went on to become Reader in English Law and, successively, Professor of Public Law and Quain Professor of Jurisprudence in the University of London. He returned to Cambridge in the mid-1950s first as a Reader, then as Professor, and from 1968 held the Rouse Ball Chair of English Law.

Williams was a prolific writer on a wide variety of legal topics, his most concentrated period of authorship falling in the quarter century from 1939 to 1965. His first book Liability for Animals, published in 1939, was his PhD thesis. So impressed was the examiner, Sir William Holdsworth. that he inquired whether it had been written for an LLD.

His subsequent publications fall into two main categories. First, there were his commentaries in the broad field of civil law, prominent among them The Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts Act. in 1965. In addition, he wrote many stimulating articles for periodicals including Language and the Law in the Law Quarterly Review (1945). Williams played an active role in

upon his Lionel Cohen Lectures given

at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

various bodies set up to review the criminal law of England: the Standing Committee on Criminal Law Revision, the Law Commission's Working Party on the Codification of the Criminal Law, Lord Butler's committee on mentally abnormal offenders.

Between 1956 and 1958 he was Special Consultant for the American Law Institute's model penal code. He was the first Walter E. Mayer visiting research Professor, New York University, 1959-60.

His Criminal Law, The General Part, published in 1953 was deplored by certain old-fashioned academics to whom accessibility smacked of vulgarity. But nothing has so far replaced it. Indeed, many were disappointed that this General Part was never followed by a sequel. He did, however, publish in 1978 a Textbook of Criminal Law.

Although he had an acutely analytical mind, Williams had for some a less sure sense of society's conflicting interests. Many considered his proposals for reform unrealistic. He was a rationalist and a utilitarian - but also humanitarian. "Criminal law is an instrument to be used to further the well-being of society and not to diminish that well-being," he wrote to The Times in 1967.

Yet for all his mild appearance, Williams was capable of telling the House of Lords (or anyone else for that matter) that they were fools. During the Second World War he was a conscientious objector. He led a simple life and enjoyed simple pleasures. He was made an LLD (Cantab) in

1946, and elected to a Fellowship at Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1955, and to an honorary Fellowship in 1978. He was made a Fellow of the British Academy in 1957 and was appointed Honorary Bencher, Middle Temple, in 1966. In 1968 he took Silk - in spite of the fact that years earlier he had argued for the abolition of QCs.

In 1963 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Notting-ham, followed by Wales in 1974, Glasgow in 1980, Durham in 1984 and Sussex in 1987.

In 1978 he was presented with a festschrift, Reshaping the Criminal Law: Essays in Honour of Glanville Williams (edited by P. R. Glazebrook). Williams married in 1939, Lorna

Margaret Lawfield. He is survived by her and by their son.

J. B. G. THOMAS

J. B. G. Thomas, OBE. rugby correspondent. died on April 11 aged 79. He was born on April 29, 1917.

FEW sets of inititals were better known in rugby circles during the 1950s and 1960s than those of John Brinley George Thomas. As the rugby union correspondent for the Cardiff-based Western Mail for 36 years, JBG was present on any tour of significance, both to and from Britain. Regarded as one of the sport's leading commentators he brought a wealth of detail to the reader in his own inimitable and enthusiastic way.

As a writer, Thomas known by the nickname Bryn (short for Brinley) — was not a stylist. Indeed, many believed he was better at broadcasting. He would happily use 20 words where two might have been enough. A telegram from the publishers of his first book, On Tour (1954), illustrated the point. When they received the first draft they wrote: "Stag-gered by the length." Thomas was forced to cut it by half.

But nothing could diminish his love of the game nor his happiness in the company of rugby players and administrators. He was appointed OBE in recognition of his sevices to the sport in 1984.

Thomas was born in Pontypridd. He began his journalistic career as a freelance writer before joining the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. During the Second World War, he served for much of the time in minesweepers. He joined the Western Mail

in 1946 and by the time he retired in 1982 he had served not only as the paper's chief rugby writer but for 20 years as sports editor and, latterly, as assistant editor. His greater fame emerged

from touring with the British Isles and Ireland teams, the Lions, during the 1950s and

play in their reports. Thomas was a kindly man. He believed himself to be as much a

1960s. He not only published his reports of these tours in his paper at a time when few national newspapers considered rugby tours worthy of indepth coverage, but he also wrote a series of books. In total Thomas published some 30 books. Of these several charted the progress of tours and others were of a more historical nature. Together they worked to stimulate interest in the game at a time when it was not well served in a literary sense.

He and his great friend Vivian Jenkins, the former Wales full back who went on to write for The Sunday Times, were the only journalists from Britain to accompany the 1955 Lions in South Africa. Players knew that they could trust the two Welshmen, in an era when revelations of misbehaviour had little part to

servant of the game as an observer. "He never destroyed players." Bleddyn Williams, the former Wales centre and captain, said. "Bryn was evervone's firm friend."

Thomas was an avuncular figure, small of stature and invariably wearing a flat cap and puffing on a cigar. After his retirement, living in Car-diff, he continued to contribute to the Western Mail. But he was plagued by ill health and was much affected by the loss of his wife, Gwen, 12 years ago. He found companionship subsequently with Margaret.

In 1995 Thomas had to have one leg amputated. He was about to undergo the amputation of the other leg when he

BERTOLD HORNUNG

accepted an invitation to join

his university as a tutor. At the

same time, however, he

worked on master plans for an

industrial city and a landscape

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Local plans which he made for

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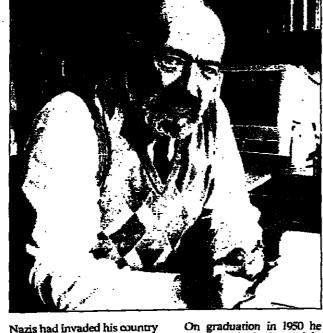
Bertold Hornu planner, died on March 20 aged 71. He was born in Czechosłovakia on March 25, 1925.

THE WORK of Bertold Hornung was the embodiment of much for which the Czech Republic is renowned remarkable architecture and magnificent town planning. After the German occupation of Czechoslovakia, during which Horning was imprisoned in a concentration camp. he planned the Prague metro. But before his innovative ideas had been carried out, the Russians had invaded his country and he had been forced to flee.

Later, based in Edinburgh a city which echoed the townscape of Prague - Hornung found himself charged with overseeing a team working on the planning of an inner ring road. Before his arrival there had been an acrimonious public inquiry. The desires of the citizens had not been properly taken into account.

With determination and imagination, Hornung rediuced the scale of the road developments and shifted attention towards pedestrianisation, traffic restraint and the prioritising of public transport. It was to prove far more popular than the original idea. Make traffic fit the city, not the city fit the traffic," was Hornung's favourite dictum. It now has many adherents.

Bertold Hornung was born in Ostrava, Moravia, of Jewish parents. By the time he was 13 his father, a businessman, had already died, the



Nazis had invaded his country and his education had ended Attempts to smuggle him and a group of other Jewish children out of the country failed and Hornung found himself apprenticed to a carpenter instead. The craft probably saved his life. When he and his mother were imprisoned in Terezin, his carpentry made him a valuable member of a work gang. In later life he would build his own furniture.

When the war was over, he trained as an architect and engineer at the Czech Technical University in Prague. He proved an excellent student. On a summer vacation job in Bulgaria he was asked to do a design for a school. It was under construction by the time not sent to prison as others he returned home.

competition for the design of a new town which he won. In 1958 he was appointed its architect and planner with a directive to carry out its construction at phenomenal Then, winning another competition, he was back in

Prague in 1965. He resumed his teaching at the university and was greatly respected by students pressing for reforms in the brief years of liberalisation. But before his plans for a city metro had been out into practice the Russian tanks arrived in Prague. In the turmoil Hornung hurried to the American film studios where his wife was working. Though the studios were abandoned he came across some exit certificates on the director's desk and, hurriedly signing them himself, he pocketed them. Then, telling neighbours that he and his family were off for a picnic, he drove to Austria.

Hornung travelled on to London where, desperately in need of any employment he could get, he found a menial job in the London County Council's architecture department. He had been there for two years when he was introduced to Sir Colin Buchanan whose partnership had just been appointed planning consultants to Edinburgh.

Hornung was also fearless, Buchanan, recognising Hornung as a man of energy and in 1957, having written a and ideas, placed him in communist show trials, he charge of his team in Edinburgh. Under his influence the development plan began to take shape. He proved that a stand taken on behalf of the people was the best way to get

constructive Hornung next went, in 1972, on a British Council sponsored mission to replan Jerusalem. From there he travelled to Oman. On his return in 1975, he joined Frank Tindall, the chief planner of the Lothian region, as an assistant director of physical and policy planning. He helped to develop Tindall's structure plan for the region. It was to be Scotland's first plan of this kind, in that it was realised through the process of full public consultation.

Meanwhile Hornung attended evening classes at the Edinburgh College of Art to obtain his diploma in town and country planning. On his election to the Royal Town Planning Institute, he became a chartered town planner. Hornung had a heart attack

in 1983 and was in and out of hospital for years after. But this did not prevent him, when the collapse of Communism came in 1989, from accepting an invitation from the then Federal Republic to act as consultant on training projects for Prague City Council and for his old university.

When the Czech state separated from Slovakia, he continued to advise the Czech government on the town planning system and planning legislation. He also continued to teach at Edinburgh University. In 1944 he organised a huge exhibition about Prague at the Edinburgh City Arts Centre. His achievements were recognised in 1996 by an honorary degree from Heriot-Watts University. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

THE REV DERYCK GOODWIN

The Reverend Deryck Goodwin, physicist, died of cancer on March 12 aged 69. He was born on September 28, 1927.

AS A physicist Deryck Goodwin made a considerable contribution to developments in nology. His research into solid state lasers led him to build probably the first ruby laser to operate in Britain. But he will be remembered by many, too, for his lifelong commitment to the Church of England. He was ordained at the age of 51 and, on retiring from his career in York University. devoted his life to the following of his ecclesiastical call.

Born in Lincoln, Deryck William Goodwin was the only child of a family much involved with the religious life of the city. He was educated at Lincoln School where both his scientific and ecclesiastical interests were quickly recognised. He concluded examination paper, for instance, with the proclamation

Goodwin went on Birmingham University where he stayed on after graduating to complete his PhD, working on the development of a high energy atom smasher. It was his move in 1963 to the Royal Radar Establishment (RRE, now the DRA) at Greater Malvern which provided a springboard for his most influential work.

His initial work at RRE was concerned with indium antimonide as an infra-red detector. With the invention of the laser and its importance to the defence field, he rapidly became involved in its development. He built a ruby laser and also designed the first elliptical cylindrical cavity used in solid state lasers. He then went on to investigate the spectroscopy of likely laser materials such as calcium tungstate.



Joining the University of York soon after its foundation, Goodwin continued his research. At this time very few materials suitable for making lasers were known and he explored several new ones, some of which are still in common use. He was always alert for new ways of using the laser, such as in printing and communication, and he realised too that it had a potential for use in the medical field.

He did some important basic work on how radiation from lasers interacted with human tissue, with the result that lasers are now in routine use in several surgical procedures. In addition he continued the fruitful collaboration which he had started with a number of government organisations through the pursuit of many research contracts.

He played an important role in the establishment of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in physics at the University of York, in which his lively interest in his subject awakened the enthusiasms of his students. Goodwin also took an active

role outside the university. giving many lectures and demonstrations, from the 14th Sir George Cayley memorial lecture to taking part in the television series The Scientists

in 1971. He wrote for numerous newspapers and magazines on laser technology and its wider importance to society.
In 1986 Goodwin retired

from the university to become a full-time cleric. He had been ordained in 1978 and had curate in Elvington for nine years.

His first parish was at Burton Pidsea, near Hull. He then moved on to become rector of Middleton. Levisham, Lockton and Newton upon Radcliffe, giving himself whole-heartedly to the service of his parishioners. He retired in 1994 but continued to lead worship until his death.

Throughout his life Goodwin maintained a love of choral music. He participated in the Three Choirs Festival while at Malvern and on occasions he sang in the cathedral choirs of Lincoln and York. He was chairman and a longtime member of York Musical Society.

It was a natural progression from his academic work that Goodwin should find himself advising the York diocese about the lighting of their churches. Starting on smaller parishes, his voluntary consultancy - Goodwin Lighting - rapidly stretched outside the region and to increasingly

important commissions. On of the most challenging of these was a major survey of the lighting of Westminster Abbey. Several cathedrals, along with some 150 parish churches, have benefited from his expertise. However, it was his lighting scheme for the illumination of Fountains Abbey which he felt to be the most successful. He was working on the lighting of Newcastle Cathedral and Bridlington Priory right up to the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife Joyce. There were no children.

Church news

Latest appointments include The Rev John Andrews, Royal Army Chaplain's Department, to be Priest in charge. Lyme Regis

(Salisbuty).

The Rev Eric Booth, Assistant Priest (NSM), St Anne, Fence-in-Pendle, to be Assistant Priest (NSM), Padiham (Blackburn). The Rev Mark Brackley, Curate, All Hallows, Gospel Oak, to be Vicar, Christ Church, West Green

(London). The Rev Martin Breadmore, Curate, Herne Bay. Christ Church (Canterbury), to be Curate, St Paul, Camberley (Guildford).

The Rev William Broad, Vicar, Blackhall, to be Team Rector. Great Aycliffe Team Ministry (Durham).

Canon Richard Bryant, Vicar, Wylam, and Director of Reader Training (Newcastle), to be Training Director for Local Ministry and Director of Reader Training.

The Rev David Casson, Vicar, Holy Trinity and Christ Church, Richmond (Southwark), to be Rector. Acle with Fishley. North Burlingham and Beighton with

Moulton (Norwich). The Rev Vanessa Cato, Curate, Holy Trinity, Southchurch, to be Rector, Orsett and Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill

(Chelmsford). The Rev Robin Charles, Vicar, Rugeley Team Ministry (Lich-field), to be Vicar, East Scarsdale Team Ministry (Derby).

The Rev Dr Christopher Cocksworth, formerly Chaplain, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College (Guildford), now Director, Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme, Sarum College (Salisbury).

The Rev Michael Cooke, Chaplain with the Teesside Industrial Mission, to be Vicar, united benefice of Kellow w Coxhoe (Durham). The Rev Sheila Dixon, Curate, Ordsall All Hallows and Retford St Albans, to be Priest-in-charge, Sutton with Carlton and Normanton upon Trent and Mamham (Southwell).

The Rev James Duxbury, Vicar, St Leonard, Padiham (Blackburn), to be also an Honorary Canon of Blackburn Cathedral.

The Rev Graham Cray, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, and the Rev Andrew Wingfield Digby, Director of Christians in Sport, have been appointed as Six Preachers in Canterbury Cathedral, to replace the Bishop of London and the Bishop of Maidstone.

Resignations and retirements The Rev David Battersby, Curate, Ashchurch (Gloucester), to retire on May 2

The Rev Peter Blundell, Curate (NSM), St Barnabas, Kensington (London), to resign to take up a post in the diocese of Harare in the Province of Central Africa.

The Rev Alan Brannagan, Chap lain. St George's Memorial Church, Ypres, Belgium, to resign on May 31.

Canon Ray Brazier, resigned as priest-in-charge. Bishopsion as from January 27, but continues as the incumbent, St Matthew and St Nathanael, Bristol (Bristol). Canon Michael Cooper, Honorary

Chaplain to the Bishop in Canterbury, an Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, and Assistant Chaplain to Kent and Canter-bury Hospital and Nunnery Fields Hospital (Canterbury), to resign on April 30. The Rev Jack Harding, Vicar, St John, Birkdale (Liverpool), to retire

on May 25. The Rev Michael Jackson, Vicar, Swinton (Sheffield), to retire on April 30. The Rev Dr Jane Tillier, Chaplain

and Visitors' Officer. Gloucester

Cathedral (Gloucester), resigned

on March 31.

TYPHUS CAUSES A TRUCE **BRITISH TO GUARD** PRISON CAMP From Our Special Correspondent

ON THE ALLER, April 13 By negotiations between British and German officers during a local truce British troops

will take over from the S.S. and the Wehrmacht the guarding the vast concentration camp at Belsen, a few miles north-west of Celle, which contains about 60,000 prisoners, both criminals and anti-Nazis. This extraordinary step has been agreed by

the British because typhus is rampant in the camp and it is vitally necessary that no prisoners should be allowed out until the infection is checked. Moreover, it will be necessary for allied security officers to sort out which of the prisoners are in the camp for political reasons and which are serving sentences for crime.

Under the final agreement the advancing British agree to refrain from bombing and shelling the area in which the camp is sit and the Germans agree to leave behind an armed guard for a week after the British have arrived. The German soldiers will afterwards be allowed to return to their lines.

ON THIS DAY

April 14, 1945

The full of horror of Belsen was only realised when British troops entered the concentration camp on April 15, 1945. one day after this report was published

The story of the negotiation is a curious one. Yesterday morning two German officers presented themselves before our outposts. They explained that there were 9,000 sick in the camp and that all sanitisation had failed. They suggested that the British should occupy the camp at once, declaring that the respon-sibility was international, in the interests of health. In return for the delay caused by the truce. Germans offered to surrender intact the bridges at Winsen over the River Aller.

After brief consideration the British senior officer rejected the German proposals, saying that the British should occupy an area of 10 kilometres round the camp to be sure of

keeping their troops and lines of communication away from the disease. The Germans said they must refer to their senior officer, and a British brigadier and a captain set off to the German HQ. There the German senior officer then rang up Himmler as Reichsführer, whose chief of staff rejected the terms. The new agreement was then concluded. The truce, which had been confined to the area round the Winsen bridge, expired after 12 hours. The Germans blew up the bridge and a very odd interlude in the battle of Germany ended.

RUSSIANS TAKE VIENNA

Marshal Stalin, in an order of the day addressed to Marshal Tolbukhin and Lieutenant-General Ivanov, last night announced:-Troops of the 3rd Ukrainian front, in cooperation with troops of the 2nd Ukrainian Front, after stubborn lighting to-day captured the city of Vienna, a strategic strong-point covering the approaches to southern Germany. From March 16 to April 13 more than 130,000 prisoners were taken.

During the battles on the approaches to Vienna troops of the 3rd Ukrainian Command routed 11 tank divisions, including the 6th S.S. Tank Army. They also destroyed or cantured 1.345 tanks and self-propelled guns, 2.250 field pieces, and much other war equipment.

Preview: Ten Pound Poms (BBC). 10.30pm) tells the stories of some of the Britons who emigrated to Aus-

tralia 50 years ago Review. The smug Dr Sam Ryan in Silent Wit-

ness makes Matthew Bond want to

Lady Thatcher has never hidden a contempt for consensus. But her

comments yesterday that "three

weeks is quite long enough" for an

election because otherwise "people"

get bored" will meet with almost

India has begun to look for a new Government, ten months after the

last general elections......Page 21

The Times hopes that the people of

Putney will ensure that Sir James

Goldsmith takes his place in the

Ends and means

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pinch her

Time to turn on

universal approval ...

India's nadir

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NEWS

Blair signals shift in poll strategy

Tony Blair signalled a dramatic shift of gear in the Labour election campaign aimed at injecting "passion, vision and conviction" into a battle that he claims has been marred by negative strategies and "media cynicism".

In what will be seen as a response to weekend headlines alleging "wobbles", he let it be known that he intended to take the election by the "scruff of the neck"

Referendum faithful stage rally

■ The Referendum Party staged an election rally at Alexandra Palace in London which Sir James Goldsmith, its leader, called "more of a iamboree than a conference". But if the mood was outwardly festive, the rhetoric was more aggressive than anything seen so far in this election campaign Page 1 Five pages of Election 97 coverage from Page 7

Closest finish

Liz McColgan, Britain's premier long-distance runner, lost by one second to Joyce Chepchumba of Kenya in the closest women's race in the 17-year history of the London marathon..... Pages 1. 33

Catholics forced out Eight Roman Catholic families were forced to flee their homes in North Belfast after they were ransacked by loyalists _____Page 2

EU warned

A future Tory government will block change in the EU until Spanish and other foreign-owned fishing boats are taken off the British register.....Page 2

Millennium challenge

Thousands of minituarised computers inside missiles and other modern weapon systems are having to be reprogrammed to overcome the millennium date-.....Page 2 change disaster...

Cause of anorexia

A team of doctors has discovered that 16 out of 18 anorexic children studied had reduced blood flow in the part of the brain that governs appetite...

British heroes

Two British men, John Bown and Blair Davies, threw themselves on to an exploding grenade to protect their wives and other diners as a blast rocked a crowded restaurant in Ethiopia. Both received woundsPage 3

Carev's concern

Parents who do not attend church should not be prevented from bringing children for baptism, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, said Page 5

Step up for women A fast-track system to increase the

number of women judges has been suggested by Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, at the Woman Lawyer conference sponsored by The Times Page 6

Netanyahu's move

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel held secret talks with Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, about forming a national unity government Page 12

Iran's spy link As Iranians demonstrated

against Germany and the West, it was revealed that a senior Iranian intelligence official was linked to Shia Muslims suspected of bombing US military barracks Saudi Arabia last year.... Page 12

Zaire plea for calm

Zaire's military governor issued an appeal for calm as rumours spread that rebels had started to infiltrate the city Page 13

India's dilemma

India expects to know this week if it faces its second general election within a year. The Congress Party, which brought down the coalition Government, was vilified by editorial writers _____ Page 13

Dance of the diplomatic veils

■ Nude dancers from Paris' Crazy Horse Saloon had to cover up for a nightclub performance in Hong Kong because the organisers, the French Asian Arts Society, wanted to protect Chinese Communist Party guests from excess nudity. The £5,833-a-table event was to raise money for the Guimet Museum, a Paris institution dedicated to Asian art.



John Major and his daughter Elizabeth, 25, and her live-in boyfriend Luke Salter watch the London marathon from the balcony of The City Pride, a pub opposite Canary Wharf, Docklands, which offers privileged views of the race

BUSINESS

Business vote: Opinion polls out today suggest that a Labour victory would make little impact on the investment returns available from the stockmarket Page 48

Interest rate warning: The CBI gave a warning against an increase in interest rates after the dramatic rise of sterling Delayed takeoff: The Civil Aviation

Authority is likely to come under pressure to reconsider its controversial pricing formula for BAA because of the delay to the expected opening date of the £1.5 billion fifth terminal at Heathrow...... Page 48 SFO joins inquiry: The Serious

Fraud Office has linked with authorities in Belgium in an investigation into a £100 million

ARTS

Bible readings: The Authorised Version of the Bible has been published in paperback as a World's Classic - so now, says Melvyn Bragg, it can be taught as a set book in schools Page 18

Critical fist: The Times theatre critic, Jeremy Kingston, has turned director for a short season in Battersea, so we invited Sir Peter Hall to turn critic and review Mr Kings-... Page 18 ton's efforts...

Lost soles: Also directing a play in Battersea is Times critic James Christopher. Benedict Nightingale reviews a tale of suppressed desires in a shoeshop..... Uprooting the Garden: The Royal Opera House has finally unveiled

its plans during the closure of its

☐ General: England and Wales should stay dry after overnight patchy mist or shallow tog clears. There will be more cloud than in the last tew

days, especially in eastern and central

regions. The best of the sunshine will be in the West and South West.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy, with occasional drizzle in

exposed places to the north and northwest. Most other parts will have variable amounts of cloud, bright or

sunny breaks and should stay dry.

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Central S England, E Midlands, E
England, Channel Isles, Central N
England: dry, variable cloud, bright

FEATURES

Erica Wagner: "I did not serve an 11-course meal, put off by the warnings at the back of my new cookbook: 'Do not try to prepare this meal by yourself. Enlist at least one sous-chef and a dishwasher to help you'. But then, I had reservations about recreating the Last Dinner on the Titanic

MIND AND MATTER

Counting down: The atomic second threatens to make a mockery of millennium clocks on December 31, 1999, Nigel Hawkes

Small secrets: An Australian entomologist has devised the ultimate indignity for dead insects: a machine for inflating their Covent Garden home Page 19 | genitalia.

SPORT

Wednesday.... Motor racing: Jacques Villeneuve

registered their third successive Stones Super League victory but were unimpressive in overcoming

£860,199 each. 30 get £70,580 each for five balls and the bonus. 2,021 win £654 each for five numbers. 90,642 win £32 each for four balls,

and 1,374,794 win £10 for three

FA Cup: Chesterfield, of the second division, forced a replay with Middlesbrough, of the Premiership, after an astonishing 3-3 draw in the FA Cup semi-final at Old Trafford. In the other semi-final, Chelsea advanced to their second final in four years with a 3-0 win over Wimbledon Pages 25, 28, 29 Premiership: Liverpool maintained their challenge for the FA Carling Premiership champion-

from Eddie Irvine to win the Grand Prix in Buenos Aires......Page 26 Rugby union: Wasps stand on the threshold of their second Courage Clubs Championship crown after their victory over Saracens was coupled with a thrashing for Leicester at Bath....Page 35 Rugby league: Warrington Wolves

COLUMN

ship, but put Sunderland deeper into relegation trouble with a 2-1 win at Roker Park. Newcastle United drew 1-1 at Sheffield

fought off a thrilling challenge

Castleford Tigers 24-8..... Page 34 9, 27, 29, 37, 42 and 44. Bonus 21 Eight share £6.8 million, winning

PETER RIDDELL The Tories have had one big success in the campaign. They have avoided talking about what might happen in a fifth term. The election has so far mainly been about whether Labour can now be trusted in government..... WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The polls may be able to predict the national election result, but of Somerset's nine seats, only two can be predicted with confidence and seven must still be regarded as marginal....

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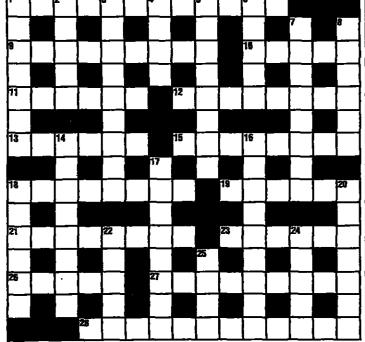
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Professor Glanville Williams, QC, former Rouse Ball Professor of English Law at Cambridge University; J. B. G. Thomas, rugby correspondent; Bertold Hornung, town planner. The Reverend Deryck Goodwin, physicist Page 23

Election 97; Archbishop on moral education; Neanderthal "flute": Darrens and Deans Page 21

Not enough credit has been given to the judges who were not afraid to point to the real murderer, in Berlin in 1992, of four Iraci Kurds. This murderer is the Iranian state. Justice had to be done. It has been - Le Monde

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ACROSS

1 Bank's temporary accommoda

tion? (8,4). 9 Computer control behind glass plate (5-4). 10 Rascal's fraud getting little

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18 Oversight bringing quest to nought (8).

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> The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,452 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20

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that's common sense (4). 5 Faithful servant, for example, put in position over staff (8). 6 Like games of tennis going to

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8 Odds on filly to note in field (6).

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or sunny breaks. Wind light north or northwesterly. Max 15C (59F). W Midlands, SW England, S south will remain dry. AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

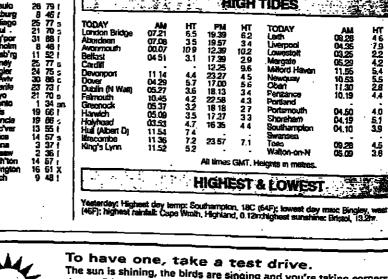
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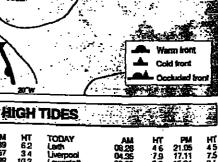


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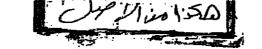
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TIMES SPORI

MONDAY APRIL 14 1997



Jamie Hewitt, scorer of Chesterfield's dramatic extra-time equaliser, is swamped by his jubilant team-mates in the FA Cup semi-final at Old Trafford yesterday. Photograph: Laurence Griffiths

Chesterfield script sequel to Cup classic

By OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

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TRADITIONALLY, it is a day divided into extremes, a day for the winners, who will walk out at Wembley to compete in the final, and a day for the losers, damned by falling at the last hurdle. Usually, it is a day split equally between joy and despair, but yesterday it felt as if the whole of English football should rejoice at what happened on

FA Cup semi-final day. A part of it came at Highbury. where Chelsen, and Gianfranco Zola in particular, produced a dissipated by the capricious sched-

scintillating second-half perfor-mance and a 340 victory over Wimbledon. Wembley is at least now assured of seeing Zola and Mark Hughes, his evergreen part-ner, who will equal the post-war record for the most appearances in a final when he walks out of the tunnel. Whether they will face the unpredictable princes of Middlesbrough or the upstarts from Chesterfield, though, is still in the

balance. For most, the magic of the FA Cup, that intangible quality that has seemed on the verge of being

uling of television companies, burst into view at Old Trafford later in the afternoon, when Chesterfield and Middlesbrough fought out one of the most thrilling ties in the

history of the competition.

Despite their victories over Bolton Wanderers and Nottingham Forest few had given John Duncan's Nationwide League second division team of journeymen any chance of knocking our Middles-brough's exotic band of footballing millionaires on a neutral ground.

The game, though, turned into a modern classic, an encounter that swung first one way, then the other.

CUP

that brought out the grit and the fight the critics said Middlesbrough did not possess and preserved the nobility of a Chesterfield side that refused to give in and gained their reward in the final

minute of extra-time. After Kinder had been sent off for

two bookable offences for Middlesbrough in the first half. Chesterfield scented their opportunity. They stunned even their own supporters by going two goals up midway through the second half, courtesy of a tap-in by Morris and a courageous and fiercely struck

penalty from their captain, Dyche.

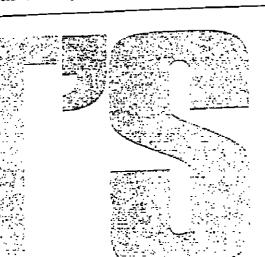
Even for a Middlesbrough side
packed with big names such as Ravanelli, Juninho and Emerson, there seemed to be no way back. But Ravanelli soon reduced the deficit and then, after Juninho had been brought down by Dyche, Hignett equalised from the penalty.

When Festa scored for Middlesbrough in extra time, it seemed Chesterfield's resistance had been broken, but Hewitt's looping header earned them an improbable replay at Hillsborough a week tomorrow, when they will try once again to become the only team from such a lowly division to climb to the final of the world's most famous cup competition.

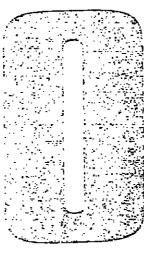
The day seemed to have dug up so many men of the moment that Hughes was almost forgotten. His two goals took him to his fifth FA Cup final, a record he will share with Joe Hulme, Johnny Giles, Pat Rice, Frank Stapleton and Ray

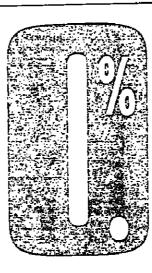
In the quiet of the interview room, a few minutes before the match between Middlesbrough and Chesterfield began, he was asked who he would prefer to face in the final. "Have a guess," he laughed. The beauty of it is that, after yesterday's match at Old Trafford, we are still guessing.

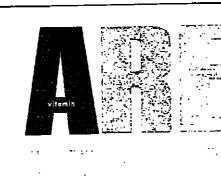
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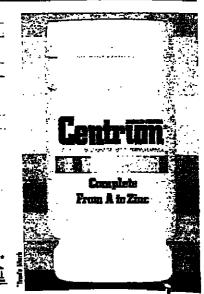












Sky's terrestrial rival needs something extra

et us forget, for a mo-ment, the results. In-say goodbye and all push off stead, let us consider the other match that was played yesterday with the FA Cup semi-finals. It was the BBC against Sky Sports, terrestrial against satellite, Auntie versus a nephew with attitude. The lady of a certain age acquitted herself well enough, but, in the end, it was the feisty youngster who walked off with the

garlands. The BBC's attitude to matters of great sporting moment is unadorned with what it undoubtedly sees as unnecessary tripperies. Wheel in the incomparable Desmond Lynam, give him Alan Hansen and one other with a bent for punditry, let them talk a bit, screen the first half, let the experts talk some more, screen the second half, back to the

home.

That is it, a good, plain job, solid as a rock, worthy if a trifle duli. It has worked since the television Middle Ages, when the pictures were black and white and speckly and Kenneth Wolstenholme was the man behind the microphone. If it ain't broke, don't

All of which would probably still be acceptable had \$ky not swaggered onto the scene. Although to the majority of televised football viewers, it is still not an option, Sky brings innovation and a certain laddish liveliness to the business of televising sport. It is tabloid television, but that does not mean that it is not entertaining. Yesterday's coverage pro-

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vided an admirable case in point. BBC, first on at midday with Chelsea and Wimbledon. had what should have been the better match of the two, but did not make the most of it. Lynam was at Highbury, so that was a credit. Hansen was also present, so that gave them another house mark. Trevor Brooking, he of the "yeller card" and the Essex adenoids, knows his stuff, too.

So far, so good. Except that the man behind the commentator's microphone was the pathologically verbose John

Motson and the other "expert" in the continuity booth was

Jimmy Hill. Oh dear. Motson is an acquired taste. indigestible to some, fine for others. He knows how to commentate, but then he should, he has been doing it long enough. His problem is that he feels the need to warble when a song is not called for. Yes, indeed, I fancy.

Hill, like Motson, cannot resist the compulsion to rabbit inconsequentially, but his most annoying habit is a small foible of speech that makes one

want to set about the television with a heavy implement. He is a serial user of that most infuriating of all punctuation points, the phrase "you know", but from his lips it comes out as a sort of strangled "yeeow". A tiny point, but it is amazing how irritating it can become.

When the BBC had done its stuff and Chelsea had won by distance, the baton was handed over to Sky for Chesterfield and Middlesbrough. It had one precious advantage in that it had an hour before kickoff in which to examine everything about the game short of finding out the religion of the tea lady's grandad. The BBC, which had been screening the London Marathon, had just ten minutes to set things up.

Sky has a clear idea of what it wants from its team. It wants brightness, it wants

pizzazz and it gets both. It also wants authority and it gets that, too, from Martin Tyler, the best football commentator on British television. Andy Gray, as is his wont, got carried away a touch at times, but his enthusiasm is infectious and the studio team of Steve Bruce, Gary Pallister and Mark Schwarzer, the cuptied Middlesbrough goalkeeper, were balanced and bright. under the unobtrusive guid-

ance of Richard Keys. The fact that, in an epic game, ten-man Middlesbrough drew with a gallant Chesterfield side who played far better against their £26million opponents than anybody had a right to expect was a bonus. That was pure luck. The fact that, on the day, Sky played the Beeb off the park.

Bangladesh scramble to ICC Trophy win

THE ICC Trophy ended in excitement, confusion and hysteria when Hasibul Hussain scrambled a leg-bye off the last ball of the final to give Bangladesh a victory on run-rate over Kenya at the Kilat Club (a Special Correspondent writes). Bangladesh had been set a revised target of 166 to win off 25 overs in the rain-reduced match.

Maurice Odumbe, the Kenya captain, believed that the final would be tied if a single came from Martin Suji's last ball and set a field to stop a two being scored. Hussain swung, was hit on the pad and Khaled Mashud, who had hit the first ball of the over for six, raced through to complete a win that started wild celebrations among the 4,000 Bangladesh fans in the ground. In the 1999 World Cup, Bangladesh will now play in a group with Australia, West Indies, Pakistan, New Zealand and Scotland.

PFA award to Shearer

FOOTBALL: Alan Shearer, the Newcastle United and England forward, last night became only the second player, after Mark Hughes of Chelsea, to be named player of the year by the Professional Footballers' Association twice in his career. Shearer finished ahead of David Beckham, of Manchester United, who had the consolation of winning the young player award. Ian Wright, the Arsenal forward, who has had a recent revival to his England career, came third in the awards. Shearer won the award in 1995, when he played

Close win for Oundle

GOLF: Oundle won the Halford Hewitt Cup by beating Harrow 3-2 in the final of the public schools old boys' competition at Royal Cinque Ports yesterday. Oundle had won their semi-final, against Watson's, by the same margin while Harrow reached the final at the expense of Malvern. who went down 4-1. Harrow, who last took the title two years ago, have won the highest proportion of matches in the competition, but found Oundle to be just too good for them.

Whitaker dethroned

BOXING: Oscar de la Hoya claimed a world championship at a fourth different weight by capturing Pernell Whitaker's World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight crown in Las Vegas on Saturday, winning a unanimous points decision. ☐ Ryan Rhodes, of Sheffield, will meet Ensley Bingham, of Manchester, in his next bout after his victory over Lindon Scarlett, of London, on Saturday.

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Klusener steals show

CRICKET: Lance Klusener produced a memorable all-round performance to help South Africa to a 109-run victory over Australia in the seventh and final one-day international in Bloemfontein yesterday. Klusener hit a career-best 92 in South Africa's 310 for six and then took two wickets and a stunning catch on the boundary to remove Michael Bevan as Australia were removed for 201.

Syed is favoured

TABLE TENNIS: Matthew Syed, the England No l, expects to achieve some reward during the next week in Glasgow for his decision not to take a job in the world of finance. He will be favourite to win the men's singles title at the 17-nation Commonwealth championships. Syed has been helped by Hong Kong's decision not to take part, which means Chan Kong-Wah is unable to defend the title.

Doohan dominates

MOTOR CYCLING: Michael Doohan, of Australia, was an emphatic winner of the Malaysian Grand Prix in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Doohan, chasing a record-equalling fourth consecutive world 500cc title, rode his new Honda to victory on the Shah Alam circuit with a lead of more than lisec over Alex Criville, of Spain. Max Biaggi, of Italy, was a clear winner in the 250cc race.

Britain's double loss

ICE HOCKEY: Great Britain suffered their second defeat in two days in pool B of the world championships, losing 4-2 to Kazakhstan in Sosnowiec, Poland, yesterday. Adey and Chinn scored for Great Britain. The result followed a 4-3 loss to Poland in Katowice on Saturday, when Moria, twice, and Scott were the scorers.

Newman on top

BOWLS: Robert Newman, of Whiteknights, Reading, beat David Holt, from Blackpool Borough, 21-20 in the national indoor singles final at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, and, at 22, became the third-youngest champion in the 38-year history of the event. The tense match was not decided until the 27th end. when Newman scored a double.

MOTOR RACING: WILLIAMS ACE FENDS OFF CHALLENGE OF IRVINE IN THRILLING GRAND PRIX FINALE

Villeneuve hangs on for victory tonic

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN IN BUENOS AIRES

JACQUES VILLENEUVE. dehydrated but determined not to be intimidated by the ominous sight of Eddie Irvine filling his rearview mirror. claimed the most significant victory of his nascent Formula One career in the Argentine Grand Prix yesterday.

Yet the stands at the Oscar A Galvez circuit were a riot of red as Ferrari flags were flaunted in homage to Irvine, the car dealer's son from Newtonards, whose second place represented the sweetest of moral victories.

For the final eight scintillat-ing laps, his car had twitched in the slipstream of Villeneuve's Williams. The French Canadian, suffering from severe stomach problems, had opted to take out the insurance of an additional pitstop, but finished less than a second ahead.

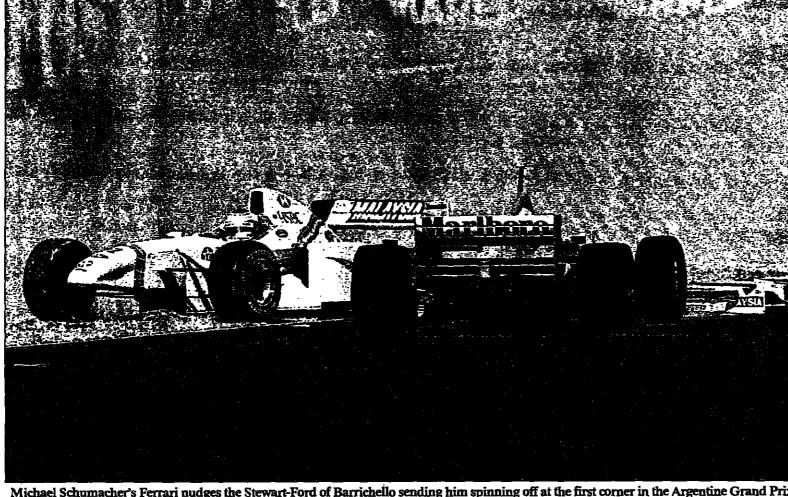
Ralf Schumacher, 12 seconds adrift, finished third to provide some compensation for his culpability in the accident that led to the retirement of his team-mate, Giancarlo Fisichella. Johnny Herbert held off Mika Hakkinen and Gerhard Berger to claim fourth, his best result for Sauber.

Inevitably, given the combustible mixture of emotions unleashed at the start, the 190mile race around a notoriously ciaustrophobic circuit wa shaped by the 600-yard sprint to the first corner.

The surge away from the line is central to the culture of Formula One. It is its greatest spectacle, a frenzied gesture towards the sport's macho roots. Since it demands the blind aggression of a Beunos Aires taxi driver, and the native cunning of a card sharp, it is a reliable gauge of a driver's character.

The most meaningful mind games are played on the grid. in the 30 minutes before the green lights go out, and the cars accelerate away. In the previous race in Brazil, Irvine approached David Coulthard. I missed you in Australia," he told him, referring to the firstcorner accident he triggered at the expense of Villeneuve and Herbert, "but I'll get you this

The Scot was momentarily nonplussed. " Irv's absolutely mad, so you never quite know



Michael Schumacher's Ferrari nudges the Stewart-Ford of Barrichello sending him spinning off at the first corner in the Argentine Grand Prix

how to take him," he said. Irvine saw Coulthard again in the paddock on Saturday aftermoon and said, with another broad grin: "I'll have you tomorrow." Both men were convinced that the first corner, a tight right-hand bend that tends to confuse the drivers because of its proximity to the old track, held the key to the race. So it proved.

Olivier Panis was the first to succumb, veering violently into the pit lane exit as he sensed the intimidating presence of Irvine's Ferrari accelerating alongside him. Ironically, it was the other Ferrari, driven by Michael Schumacher, that caused the predicted chaos.

The German nudged the Stewart-Ford of Rubens Barrichello, which spun into his path. The subsequent collison was sufficiently violent to terminate his race, and create a mêlée in which Coulthard's left front wheel was ripped off by Fisichella's

Jordan-Peugeot. The arrival of the safety car, for four processional laps, offered a brief respite from an attritional contest that gathered further momentum almost immediately, when the Williams of the luckless

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Heinz-Harald Frentzen which time Panis, who briefly coasted to a halt with gearbox That elevated Damon Hill

to fifth, the highlight of a trying afternoon. He was forced on to the grass by Jean Alesi, who spun in front of him while attempting a typically extravagant overtaking manoeuvre. Hill's Arrows eventually expired on lap 34, by

ARGENTINE GRAND PRIX DETAILS

emerged as a threat to Villeneuve, had retired with engine

The most galling eliminawas endured by Fisichella, in an accident that underlined the dangers of the Jordan team relying on youth. He was running a comfortable second when his team-mate.

Ralf Schumacher, tried to

16 laps remaining, quickly whittled down. It was a situation which suited Irvine's maverick im-8. equal 6, Panis and Irvine 6. 8, R Schumacher 4 Constructors: 1, Williams 20. 2. McLaren-Mercedes 19: 3, Ferran 14. 4, Benetion-Renault 11. 5. Prost 6; equal 6, Stuber-Petronas and Jordan 4

age. He has been under pressure at Ferrari, but responded with characteristic verve. "I got close to him, but backed off, and then went at him. It probably wasn't the best time to do or die." he said. Villeneuve's sixth grand

contact, and sent him spin-

Villeneuve, hampered by the

heat and blistered tyres, saw a

four-second advantage, with

In a thrilling duel to the flag,

prix victory equals the achievement of his father, Gilles. who would have approved of the flamboyance of the occasion. Formula One can stop agonising over its entertainment value for the

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Cannock cry foul after Slough lift their fifth title in eight years extra time blunder

By Sydney Friskin

THE HA Cup quarter-final between Cannock and Teddington ended yesterday with an official score of 6-1 in favour of Teddington, after 30 minutes of extra time were allowed in contravention of the rules that permit only a total of 15 minutes, 712 minutes each way.

The full-time score at Teddington of 3-3 became 4-4 in the extra period and, after 85 minutes, the match should have gone to penalty strokes. Instead, play continued beyond the regulation period, during which Teddington scored twice, through Haydon and Wilson.

Martin Gilbody, the Cannock manager, said: "I am quite unhappy about it. We played the game within the parameters of what we know, but the technical delegates ruled otherwise in this

The Hockey Association, which is due to make the draw for the semi-finals today, would appear to have a problem on its hands on a point of law. The fault clearly lay with the technical delegate, who instructed the umpires to play 30 minutes. In such a case, the umpires have no other option but to carry out the wishes of the technical delegate.

Elsewhere, Surbiton and St Albans joined Reading, the holders, in the last four. Surbiton, who failed to avoid relegation, came back into the spotlight with a 5-1 home win over Guildford. Tinkler and Owen scored two goals each, with Molloy chipping in from a short corner.

Chelmsford's campaign ended at Clarence Park, where St Albans snatched a 2-1 win in stoppage-time, with Port scoring the winning goal.

Chelmsford took the lead through Hawkins in the 28th minute, but then lost their way in the second half. Webster scored from a short corner in the 48th minute to level the score at 1-1.

Old Loughtonians lost 5-2 at home to Reading on Saturday. Reading, who prospered by taking quick shots at goal, had a scare when the home side pulled back from 3-0 down to 3-2, but Ashdown and Pearn made the match safe. Pearn scored three goals and Ashdown two, with Sutton and Thompson replying for Old Loughtonians.

BY AUX RAMSAY

IF IT is the end of the women's hockey season, it must be Slough at the top of the league. For the fifth time in eight years, the league's most suc-cessful campaigners won the title, their 3-1 victory over Hightown on Saturday bringing the season to its inevitable conclusion.

This time last year, it was Hightown who were celebrating their first league title, but, 12 months on, they appear to have collapsed. It took Nicholls just nine minutes to open the scoring and, although Cullen pulled one back, there was little the Liverpool side could do after the break. Wright, from a penalty corner, and Brown, with a penalty stroke, wrapped цp

championship. Two points behind when the day began, Ipswich needed maximum points from their match with Trojans and for Hightown to do them a huge favour. The Suffolk side had missed their chance to take control of the premier division the week before when they lost

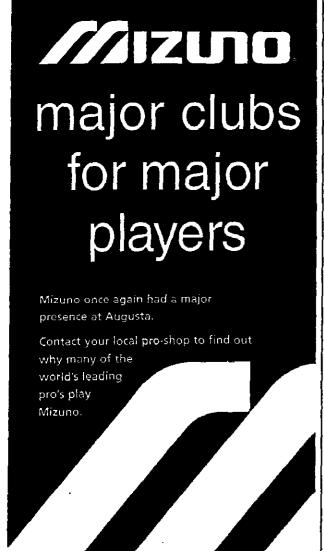
2-1 to Slough. On Saturday, they missed again, this time from the spot. Lister missed a penalty in the last minute and Ipswich had

to make do with a 2-2 draw and second place, four points adrift of Slough.

At least Lister's fluffed shot did Trojans some good. Just ahead of Leicester on goal difference at the bottom of the

table, they needed all the help they could get. One point from the Ipswich match gave them a lifeline, but it needed a Doncaster penalty in the match against Leicester to

· Leicester were two goals to the good against Doncaster when Smith, with a goal after 62 minutes, and Ferguson, who converted a penalty stroke with 60 seconds left. finally secure their safety. condemned them to the drop.



GQ ACTIVE -THE MAGAZINE

Woods takes his place in golf's major league

GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN AUGUSTA

amble win

THE elderly men who stand on the verandah of the Augusta National Golf Club or sit on the lawn outside the clubhouse wearing green jackets and sipping long drinks have seen a few golfing feats down the years, but even the oldest, the ones with the greatest knowledge of golf and the deepest appreciation of the twists and turns of this venerable and enthralling game, had never seen anything remotely approaching what was happening as the 61st Masters moved towards its conclusion.

Words like "fabulous", "un-believable", "incredible" and "awesome" were being bandied around to describe the play of Tiger Woods, who was threatening to run away with the title and rattling the very

MASTERS

foundations of the Royal and Ancient game.

Woods was on the brink of making history as the fourth round got underway. With a nine-shot lead under his belt, the biggest in the history of the Masters, with the laudatory words, not just of spectators and officials but also of his peers, ringing in his ears and his own powerful game seemingly at its remarkable best after 54 holes, he seemed certain of setting new records. At 21 years, three months

and 15 days old. Woods was the youngest 54-hole leader. nearly two years younger than Severiano Ballesteros in 1980. Woods had set a new record total of 131 - 66, 65 - for the middle two rounds of the tournament, eclipsing Nick Price's 132 - 69, 63 - in 1986. Woods had equalled Ray Floyd's 54-hole total of 201, set in 1976, and had exceeded by one Floyd's eight-stroke lead at the same stage in that year. al and victory would have meant he equalled the achievement of Jerry Pate. who won the 1976 US Open in his first season out of the

ranks of the amateurs. Yet the most unusual of all the feats that Woods held in his grasp was the way that he was forcing golf into the consciousness of millions of people who had hitherto had

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The extraordinary achievements of Woods in the first three rounds of the Masters drew torrents of praise even from the most seasoned observers at Augusta National

round of the Masters, which was watched on television by nearly 50 per cent more people than the same round last year, attracted nearly half as many viewers again as a basketball game between the Miami Knicks that was transmitted at

the same time. Throughout the United States, people were transfixed by the television pictures of Woods, who has a Thai mother and a native American father, marching, seemingly galf club in the Deep South that elected its first black member only six years ago. In 1975, Lee Elder became

the first black to compete in the Masters. He said on Saturday that he intended to fly to Augusta to watch Woods's coronation and "be a part of history". Elder added: "He is the bridge to the future and the past. A minority winning the Masters and the

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9	1997	Tiger Woods	201	_
8	1976	Raymond Floyd	201	won by 8 strokes
7	1980	Seve Ballesteros	203	won by 4 strokes
6	1996	Greg Norman	203	second by 5 strokes
5	1946	Herman Keiser	208	won by 1 stroke
5	1964	Amold Palmer	211	won by 6 strokes
5	1966	Jack Nicklaus	212	won by 9 strokes
5	1979	Ed Sneed	204	lost playoff

first major - that's great for

1960s, accused Clifford Roberts, then the chairman of Augusta National, of bending the rules to exclude him from the Masters, said: "It would be my dream come true for Tiger to win. I tried so hard to get the opportunity to play there." Woods's peers could not have been more unstituting in their praise. "He's lapping the Tom Kite said of

Woods, "He's a boy among

men yet he's making the men trance," Jack Nicklaus said. "He's got a chance of demolishing it [the Masters record]. I think we can all go home

It was Walter Hagen who used to ask who was going to come second. With 18 holes still to be played, that position was held by Costantino Rocca. He was asked whether he could win. "Too far behind," Rocca, whose command of

English has not improved as fast as his golf, replied, laughing. I played with Tiger in the 1996 US Open. Much better his swing now." Then Rocca said, impishly: "Maybe if I play nine holes, Maybe, And under par. too."

Woods was averaging nearly 330 yards from the tee and had not used a club longer than a seven-iron for a second shot on a par-four hole. This is hitting such as has never been seen before. Though Woods took 40 to the turn in his first his next 45 holes. In successive rounds, he had outscored Nick Faldo 70-75. Paul Azinger 66-73 and Colin Montgomerie 65-

Montgomerie looked shocked at what he had seen when he linished his third round. "There is no chance. though we are all human beings, that Tiger Woods is going to lose this tournament," Montgomerie said.

United States unless stated

201: T Woods 70, 66, 65, 210: C Rocca (lt) 71, 69, 70. 211: P Stankowski 68, 74, 69. 212: T Kite 77, 69, 66; T Watson

213: J Stuman 74, 67, 72; C 214: E Els (SA) 73, 70, 71; F Couples 72, 69, 73.

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(Swe) 73, 72, 71; T Tolles 72, 72, 72; J Leonard 76, 69, 71. 217: F Zoeller 75, 73, 69; N Price (Zim) 71, 71, 75.

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222: J Ozaki (Japan) 74, 74, 74; B Crenshaw 75, 73, 74; F Nobilo (NZ) 76, 72, 74; L Mize 79, 69, 227: C Pavin 75, 74, 78; C Rose 73, 75, 79.

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68, 73; I Woosnam (GB) 77,

221: D Waldorf 74, 75, 72; J Furyk 74, 75, 72; S Torrance (GB) 75, 73, 73; L Westwood (GB) 77, 71, 73; J Nicklaus 77, 70,

what he's going to do about it.

feel pressure, but gosh, he's

been under the gun so long.

The only thing I can tell him,

with what's written about

him, is to turn off the outer

mind. It's a whole lot better

listening to the inner mind."

bag back onto his own back

and shuffled away, trying to

keep pace with the young

master, something we may all

have to learn to do.

With that, he hitched the

"I'm not saying he doesn't

219: M O'Meara 75, 74, 70; W Wood 72, 76, 71; M Calcavecchia 74, 73, 72; L Janzen 72, 73, 74; J Huston

SWIMMING

Dead-heat puts Foot call-up in jeopardy

By Craig Lord

LOTTERY funding may not yet have flowed into the pool. but the fickle finger of fate pointed the way of Caroline Foot, who became the 29th and last swimmer to qualify for the European champion-ships at the British trials in Sheffield yesterday.

With a quick glance at the scoreboard, it seemed as though Foot, a seasoned international and in her 33rd year - by far the oldest challenger in the pool - had booked her place on the plane to the championships in Spain in August with a Imin 2.46sec victory in the 100 metres butterfly.

However, the No 2 along side the name of Susan Rolph was deceptive. She too had clocked Imin 2.46sec, a time outside the qualifying standard. Winners of the trials are awarded automatic selection and soon after the two women had embraced in the spirit of the moment, their coaches went into a huddle. Would there be a deal over the deadheat, given that Rolph, of Newcastle, had already won the 100 metres freestyle, 200 metres medley and added the 50 metres freestyle early in

Sheffield results

yesterday's session? Apparently not. "The No I, first place, came up on the scoreboard next to Caroline's name," Paddy Garrett, coach to Foot at the famous old York City Baths club, said. Ian Oliver, the coach to Rolph. 18, disagreed. "No. no, the time is what counts and that was the same."

The coaches did agree that both women, as winners, should race in Seville, but the selectors will be able to deliberate over the matter in the coming months before the national championships in July, when swimmers have a last chance to fill second-string places on the team if they meet the qualifying time standard.

Foot, like all British swimmers, is eagerly awaiting the onclusion of the General Election, her motivation not political, but purely to push along the process of having lottery money dispersed to sport. She has received £100 from the Amateur Swimming Association this month to tide her over, a modest amount but one that has allowed her to cut down on teaching swimming in favour of practising it

herself. Andrew Ayers, 21, from Swansea, yesterday became the only non-English swim-mer (discounting Graeme Smith, the Stockport-raised and trained Anglo-Scot) to make the team for Seville. His victory in the 200 metres breaststroke came in a Welsh record of 2mins 16.32sec.

Ayers, one of those rare Welshmen who says he "can't stand rugby", will be in Gothenburg this week for the World short-course championships, hoping to capitalise on a winter's work that has seen his strength increase and his style take on a resemblance to that of Nick Gillingham, the retired former triple European champion.

The Tiger and The Walrus — a remarkable partnership Rob Hughes meets the man always at

stands on such a that the word Tiger, like the single name Pelé or Ali. identifies the man. Yet, as the world watches the phenomenon of Tiger Woods, transcending the Masters on his own terms, it is evident that he is not alone: behind every great golfer, there stands a caddie and this tournament has been shared between the Tiger and the Walrus.

Mike "Fluff" Cowan, a heavily built 49-year-old of redneck appearance, who is old enough to be Tiger's father, appears to provide a soothing influence as well as offering words of encouragement and suggestion. "Mich-ael knows my game." Woods said. "He knows my temperament. We definitely make a great combo."

At the height of yesterday's final round, with complete disdain for the likes of Jack Nicklaus, who were out on the course. CBS Television screened a one-hour documentary: Tiger Woods: Son. Hero and Champion. The film often caught Woods and Cowan together, the game's

estale loo.

new superstar and a caddie who is more than a reader of greens. Apparently, he is a pretty good reader of minds as

The winner's prize of \$486,000 (£300,000) is little more than pin-money to someone who is already a multi-millionaire, but it could buy Woods the smartest fivebedroom, five-bathroom house on Bobby Jones Drive and the minimum ten per cent per he pays to the caddie could soon put Cowan in a position to afford such real

the side of a golfing phenomenon viding distances and an input

As you watch them, it is very clear where the talent lies, as Woods follows 340yard drives with caressing wedge shots. Few have held their nerve and holed their putts with quite such metronomic consistency - but there is more to this game than

mere mechanics. Cowan provides a safety valve, helps provoke laughter as well pro-

> into club selection. Who is this partner to the player already elevated to Masters legend? Cowan is a

> failed golfer, but a brilliant

bag-carrier, a white man carrying for a new black champion at a course which has been a bastion of prejudice. The ghosts of Augusta past could never have foreseen what has been happening this week. reduced the best of British,



Woods listens as Cowan advises on the line of a putt

Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie, to sideshows: relegated Nicklaus, Palmer and Watson to mere cast members.

It was small comfort to learn that Woods retreats at night to feed on burgers and fries, to loosen up playing table tennis and computer games. A "normal" young man, though, as some observers put it, not yet one who has encounter many of the normal distractions. But he knows about life. His father, Earl, underwent triple heart bypass surgery six weeks ago.

The one man who can see right into the eye of the Tiger is Cowan, who blesses the day, last August, that his Jacobsen, who had back trouble, suggested that, while he recuperated, his caddie should lend his experience to this newcomer to the tour. Even though Jacobsen is back, he acknowledges that Cowan will be staying with

could not pay anything re-motely like the £200,000 per season that Cowan is likely to receive. Cowan, son of a Maine house-painter, given to barnyard one-liners, dismisses as "bullscheidt" his new young master's praise. "I think Michael is the best caddie in the world," Woods has said."I don't think anything of the sort," Cowar rejoined. "I love doing what I

do, that's for goddamn sure, but caddieing is what I do." Let them disagree. It is the only public distance witnessed between them in this past, astonishing four days. The Walrus has stayed close enough to the Tiger cub to be a restraining, fatherly hand.

Woods speaks of growing up, of not forcing the pace, and of mastering arguably the most intimidating terrain in the world of golf. Cowan has much to do with all that, but, drawing on a cigarette beneath his moustache, he insisted: "He [Tiger] knows

shaft is unique. The visible

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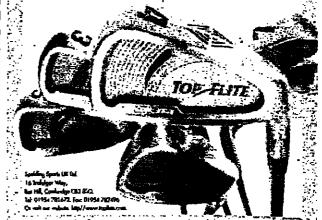
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Whitaker triumphs in jump-off win of the season. More ried about qualifying, was no significantly, it confirmed the less delighted with Showtime.

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FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, HOLLAND

MICHAEL WHITAKER, of Great Britain, was given a standing ovation here yesterday when he and Virtual Village Ashley beat Hugo Simon, of Austria, and ET, the holders of the World Cup. by 0.38sec to win the Volvo World Cup qualifier.

Nick Skelton finished third on his Olympic mare. Virtual Village Showtime, to qualify for the final in Sweden next month, but Robert Smith failed to get through, having eight faults on Tees Hanauer. For Michael Whitaker, yesterday marked a turning Despite leading the European League for the World Cup, this was his first

significantly, it confirmed the calibre of Ashley, his 1994 Foxhunter champion, who was been an invaluable aide since Two Step, Whitaker's top horse, was sidelined through injury last year. The nineyear-old gelding finished third in the London qualifier in December and was runner-up

in Bologna in February. "It's the fastest I've been against the clock with him." Whitaker said after the tense, eight-horse jump-off in which he had the advantage of going last. "He's a fantastic horse and he's looked like winning on one or two occasions this season - I'm just pleased he's now done it." Skelton, whose determined

"I haven't made many jumpoffs recently." Skelton said. "but I felt from the start of the competition she was jumping well." He was visibly relieved when he checked the standings in the European League that confirmed him in sixteenth place. The top 18

qualify. Henk Drabbe, the Dutch designer, had built one of the most difficult and imaginative courses of any qualifier this season for the opening round. John Whitaker, on Welham. and Geoff Billington, on It's Otto, incurred four and eight faults respectively, but their high positions in the league had already assured them of

riding was at odds with his Ludger Beerbaum, of assertion that he was "unwor-

Germany, a team gold medalwinner at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, also missed the jump-off after posting four laults on Ratina, his 1993 World Cup-winner. On Saturday, Anky van

Grunsven, of Holland, completed her third successive win in the Volvo World Cup dressage final after an outstanding performance in the freestyle to music competition on Gestion Bonfire, her Olympic silver medal-winner.

Richard Davison, Britain's only contender, who rode a disappointing grand prix test on Thursday, redeemed himself with a stylish performance on his Olympic horse, Hiscox Askari, in the freestyle to music that lifted him to ninth place.

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Chesterfield refuse to be denied

Middlesbrough .. (aet; score at 90min: 2-2)

By DAVID MILLER

AN EPIC and controversial FA Cup semi-final at Old Trafford yesterday reached its climax with Chesterfield, from the Nationwide League second division, drawing level against Middlesbrough thanks to Jamie Hewitt's header a bare minute from the end of extra time. Once more the sea of blue-and-white spectators erupted while the massed red ranks of North East followers fell glumly silent, denied for the second consecutive week in the last gasp of a cup-tie.

Hewitt's goal was as cruel a blow for them as Emile Heskey's was in the Coca-Cola Cup final for Leicester City



last week, yet Middlesbrough were indeed lucky even to be still alive at that point. In a semi-final beyond fictional invention it was Chesterfield, with an hour gone, who had

stood on the brink of history. None of the seven sides from the third division of English football to reach an FA Cup semi-final has had a more famous chance of being in the final, but, 2-0 up against a Middlesbrough side reduced to ten men with Vladimur Kinder's sending-off, John Duncan's improbable heroes had the FA Carling Premiership team by the throat.

Then the imminence of glory overwhelmed them. They all but stopped playing. Suddenly, belatedly, Middles-brough really started. Should they win the replay at Hillsborough a week tomorrow, perhaps they should go out against Chelsea at Wernbley a man short. Yesterday, the experience raised Ravanelli and Juninho to a level of co-ordination unseen while the team was at full

Yet even when, within four minutes of Dyche's penalty that put Chesterfield two-up,



Roberts, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, is stranded as Hewitt's last-gasp header maintains Chesterfield's hopes of creating Cup history

Ravanelli cut back the lead, Chesterfield responded with a legitimate goal disallowed by David Elleray, the referee. With 68 minutes gone, How-ard, taking a ball from the left in space just outside the sixyard area by the far post, turned and drove against the crossbar. The ball bounced behind the line, the linesman flagged for a goal. Elleray, a few yards away, allowed play to continue before blowing for a foul by Morris, the Chesterfield striker, as he attempted

to reach the rebound. Within two minutes, Middlesbrough undeservedly were level, and there was even doubt about the legitimacy of their penalty, by Hignett. Dyche's lunging challenge on Juninho appeared to be committed just beyond the penalty area line, Juninho falling

Now Chesterfield's impetus, their willpower, seemed spent. At last they were exposed for what they are: mid-table in the lower reaches of the professional game, with all the

predictable limitations. Middlesbrough's attacks now buzzed around them, making the 11 men seem outnumbered. Ten minutes into extra time, Festa, who had come up for a corner, scored what surely would prove the winner. This extraordinary semi-

final had a twist yet to come. It had been predicted that Chesterfield would be lost in the grand environment of Old Trafford, but they were initially to display a splendid immuten minutes, in boxing terms, was theirs on points. Then, however. Middlesbrough took charge, dominat-

ing the rest of the first half. If your team cannot pass accurately, it does not matter whether you are at Saltergate or the Maracana, you will have problems. Howard, Holland and Curtis now had plenty. The switching between Hignett, Emerson, Mustoe and Juninho baffled them.



Howard's shot bounces over the line only to be disallowed

nity to stage fright. The first and often only Dyche stood between Chesterfield and

Yet here came the first turning point. Kinder, having been booked for dis sent, hauled Davies off the ball by his shirt and had to go for a second bookable offence. Soon, Bryan Robson replaced Beck with Blackmore, and the game's emphasis shifted First, though, Chesterfield were to stage a sturning spell of six minutes.

Nine minutes into the second half. Howard crossed low from the right, Davies flicked a half-shot, Roberts could make only a touch and there was Morris, on the far post, to score from close in. Ecstasy mingled with disbelief.

Barely had the hubbub subsided than Morris, brushing past Festa, was glaringly brought down by the advanc-ing Roberts, who was duly booked. Dyche's penalty brought fantasy to life.

Not for long. Euphoria froze in Chesterfield's veins. Blackmore burst free on the left, crossed, and Ravanelli scored with a mean flourish. With Howard's goal evaporating. Hignett's penalty spelt doom

for the underdogs.

Extra time, with Chesterfield now a disjointed rabble. had to bring a Middlesbrough winner, and appeared to do so when Vickers hit the bar for Festa to score on the rebound with Juninho clearly offside in the goalmouth. Again

Middlesbrough maintained their minority control, only to be dumbfounded when a despairing last cross from Beaumont, substitute for Holland, cleared two defenders. bounced high, and was looped over Roberts by Hewitt's head. Pandemonium. Try explaining this one to your

grandchildren. MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): B Roberts — C Fleming, S Vickers, G Festa, V Kinder — C Higneti (sub: A Moore, 115mm), Emerson, R Mustoe, Juninho — F Ravanetii, M Beck

panic when under the slightest

pressure. Their big mistake

was to drop off the Sunder-

land forwards and allow them

possession too easily, but a

mixture of home incompe-

tence and sheer good fortune

allowed them to muddle through for a victory that

leaves them three points be-

"It was a test for us after the

last week and also after con-

ceding that goal, but we got

through it." Roy Evans. the

Liverpool manager, said.

The title is just about in our

hands, but we have the tough-

est run-in of anybody." Given

that their next two games are

hind Manchester United.

Duncan refuses to cross line of controversy

Richard Hobson on the decision that may deny Chesterfield a Wembley place

ohn Duncan, the Chesterfield manager, pro-duced a dignified, phlegmatic reaction on hearing that a perfectly good goal that would have given his side a potentially decisive 3-1 lead, and probably a place in football history, had been denied his Nationwide

League second division side.
Television replays showed that a shot from Jonathan Howard in the 68th minute had rebounded from the underside of the crossbar and crossed the goalline. David Elleray, the referee, blew for an offence and suggested that he had penalised Andy Morris, the Chesterfield forward. after the ball had come down from the bar.

However, Elleray added to the confusion in a later statement. He said: "I have seen the video and I accept that the ball crossed the line, but I blew for an infringement before the shot. There was so much going on there I could have made eight or ten

Paul Holland, one of the nearest Chesterfield players to the incident, implored Elleray to reconsider his decision and told Duncan that the ball had indeed crossed the line when he was substituted ten min-

Duncan said: "I believe the goal should have been llowed and that would have put us in a strong position, but nobody could say with any certainty that we would have gone on to win the game. At the moment, I cannot say I feel disappointed because no-body knows how it would have affected the outcome of the match.

Geoff Hurst's shot against West Germany in the World Cup final at Wembley 31 years ago still provokes argument and the incident vesterday is likely to reopen the debate on whether video replays should be introduced to assist with decision-making for certain aspects of the game. The

competition this season has been bedevilled by contraver sy that could have been avoided by the use of television.

Duncan felt that such regardless were plausible in incidents such as this, but also pointed out the practical difficulties of having a camera. positioned in the right spot.

Bryan Robson, the Mid-

diesbrough manager, beirrelevant because Howard was offside earlier in the move. His own qualms with Elleray were brought about by the first half sending off of Vladimur Kinder in the 37th

Looking forward, Robson has the difficult task of attempting to raise his players after 120 minutes here for the Coca-Cola Cup final replay against Leicester City on Wednesday. In the longer term, Middlesbrough's lengthening fixture list may force the FA Premier League to reconsider the decision last week not to extend the season.

₹he semi-finai replay will take place on April 22 at Hillsborough, the day before Middlesbrough are due to play away to Tottenham Hotspur. The game at White Hart Lane will have to be rearranged, but, with international matches scheduled for later this month, Robson is facing the possibility of having to play five games in the final nine

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Robson said: "I do not think that any side should play three games in a seven-day period. They need 48 hours' rest after a game and that is what the medical people think, not just me."

Chesterfield, themselves, have fallen behind with their Nationwide League commitments. Duncan, however, was determined not to worry about that as he praised his side. "I am just so proud of all of my players and the support-

Liverpool muddle through to keep hopes alive

Liverpool

By David Maddock

THE wheels have not quite fallen off the Liverpool wagon after all. At times during this excruciatingly nervous match, they were forced to circle in a

desperate attempt to repel Sunderland's uncomplicated assault, but the victory ensures that they keep rolling

After enduring painful defeats by Coventry City and Paris Saint-Germain. anything would do. For long periods, it was far better than that as Liverpool exerted a

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surprisingly easy control, given the desperate position of their opponents. However, apart from a 20-minute spell in the second half, they appeared to lose their heads in defence and backed off from the aerial threat of Stewart and Quinn, the substitute.

Ultimately, though, Liverpool did not pay for such generosity because of the contribution of a new-look forward pairing, put together in the absence of the injured Collymore. McManaman joined the prolific Fowler

> ment and, more importantly, an ability to hold the ball and prevent it returning quickly back towards a defence that was uncomfortable under pressure. Too often this season, that quality has been lacking and Liverpool have conceded sloppy goals.
> Fowler struck the first blow after 32 minutes. It was his

third consecutive season he has reached that impressive milestone, and came during a period in which Redknapp's passing had claimed a fair degree of control for his side. Sunderland failed to clear a corner, allowing Bjornebye to drift in a cross from the right. Wright headed down, despite a clattering challenge from Perez, the Sunderland goal-keeper, and Fowler had the simplest of opportunities from

Earlier, McManaman had been frustrated by the lithe but eccentric French goalkeeper and Redknapp had shot wide when well-placed, but such chances were evidence that Sunderland were feeling the pressure of being in the bottom three of the FA Carling Premiership and they simply could not match Liverpool for the first hour. The return of Thomas to the

close range.

Liverpool midfield had much to do with that and the visitors thirtieth goal of the season, the produced a second goal min-

Fowler ran on to an intelligent ball from Harkness and pulled back the perfect cross for McManaman to score, leftfooted, his tenth goal of the

Afterwards, McManaman oked that he has now scored more goals than several centre forwards, but he was more serious when admitting the significance of his contribution. The goal allowed Liverpool a breathing space when their confidence appeared to desert them as soon as Sunderland pulled a goal back with what was, at that point, a rare excursion into the Liverpool box. Peter Reid's side had looked dead and buried and, indeed.

a fair bet to fall through the relegation trapdoor. but a corner from Waddle found Stewart poorly marked by Wright and he glanced an impressive header beyond the unprotected James. The goal illustrated perfect-

against Everton and United. Evans could not be criticised for such a gloomy prognosis.

From the property of the prope

Batty aims Toon Army at Europe

Sheffield Wednesday 1 Newcastle United 1

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

HILLSBOROUGH on FA Cup semi-finals day will always house its share of phosts. Yesterday, some unfinished business in the FA Carling Premiership filled the ground to near capacity, but half an eye was still kept on the events across the Pennines. The biggest cheer of the afternoon was reserved for news of Chesterfield's heroics.

For the massed ranks of black-and-white shirts, anything perhaps to distract from the workmanlike qualities of their own team. With Batty and Shearer at the heart of a rigid 4-4-2 formation, the resemblance to Dalglish's titlewinning and deeply-unloved Blackburn Rovers side is becoming uncomfortably clear to the Toon Army, who have yet to decide whether success is worth the sacrifice.

It is not hard to envisage Newcastle, a year on, taking a point from an end of season scrap like this and edging towards the championship. By then, the thrills of Ginola and Asprilla in full flight will have passed into memory and the Keegan era condemned as a expensive failure or lauded as a sepia-tinted golden age. But the Newcastle directors knew what they were getting in Dalglish; their team's newfound solidity, a few defensive capers apart, augurs well. They emerged from Hillsborough with a deserved point, courtesy of a first half goal by Robbie Elliott, and a place in the Uefa Cup still is

theirs for the taking. Both managers stated their intent on their team sheets. This was no place for idle experiment. Dalglish had the most expensive and gifted bench-warmers in the game in Ginola and Asprilla; David Pleat has insisted on using Regi Blinker sparingly in recent weeks and brought the Dutchman on for barely the last quarter of a staccato, largely incoherent, game.

So the field was left to David Batty, whose combativeness will be felt in aching Wednesday limbs this morning. The England international was the

most influential player on view, but not necessarily for the best reasons. His late tackle left Walker prostrate after six minutes; moments later, another stray boot brought Booth crashing to the turf. Batty was booked, both were stretchered off and both had to be replaced. Booth 20 minutes into the game. Walker just before half-time, which disrupted any glimpse of

Carbone too, starting where he left off on Wednesday night, in his bright green boots but without the panache, was forced, in Hirst's absence through injury, to play alongside Booth at the front when his most effective post is behind the front two. He fashioned Wednesday's equaliser just after half-time, beating Beresford on the byline before crossing for Pembridge

Wednesday's rhythm.

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to thump home a sweet volley. but it was only in the last 20 minutes, as Newcastle pressed for a winner and Blinker began to exploit some space down the left, that the little Italian came into his own.

Not surprisingly, Shearer looked a yard or two short of pace on his second game back after injury. A header that flashed over the bar in the opening minutes and a freekick well saved by Pressman was the sum of his afternoon's work, hard though he bustled ... and harried.

Ferdinand was equally anonymous and, by the end. Wednesday had two makeshift strikers on view and little to show for some intricate passing in midfield. Dalglish was delighted with the work ethic of his side. Batty. Pleat suggested, might have been sent off. He was roundly booed off, offering an assassin's smile in acknowledge-SITI S STILLE IT ACKNOWLEDGETHENT FOR A JOB WE'LL GOTTE.
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Winter break could end fixture chaos

the season rumbles on and you cannot help but sympathise with some of the points made by Alex Ferguson. He is right in the sense that the FA Carling Premiership fixture list is hardly conducive to assisting English clubs in Europe.

What the Manchester United manager seems unable to grasp, though, is the fact that it is not only his side playing a ridiculous amount of games in a short space of time. He wants the season extended because United's last four games must be played in the space of nine days, while we have three during the same period — but our busy time comes now. We have already started a spell of four games in nine days and the next week will decide our season.

It is an issue of fairness. Other sides have had a concentration of matches at different times. The fuss comes because United have theirs in the last week and the natural thing is to try to extend the season. You can understand Ferguson's way of thinking - he is only trying to do the best for his club — but if they were the only team to have an exten-

STEVE McMANAMAN



sion, it would probably be an unfair advantage.

It is not the number of

games that is the problem.

This is not another footballer

moaning about doing the job

he is paid for. More, it is the

We are in the same boat. Look at this week - we must play three league games in six days and two of them are traditionally our hardest of the season. We have Sunderland already, and it was an important victory given events in Paris, but we still have to beat Everton and Manchester United if we are to stand any chance of win-

intensity of games makes on the body. At this level, the football is so fast and physical that players inevitably get knocks. When you play Sun-day, Wednesday and Saturday, there is little opportunity to recover.

physical demand such an

There is no problem if everyone is fully fit, because we get great satisfaction out of playing in these important matches, but we have to play Manchester United on Saturday in a game against one of England's best clubs and we have to win it. If we don't, then we can forget about the

United know it is an important game, too. but they will not have played for seven days. I don't think that is a situation that is upped against United, as Ferguson suggests. We have not had the ideal renaration with the defeat in Paris. We cannot escape from

it, we played very poorly. We

were too slow and our passing

wasn't good enough and we

paid for that. Everton on Wednesday will be a scrap. Then comes United. We have to be confident, because we have a decent record against them in recent seasons, but again they will need no motivating and it is

going to be some game. The biggest problem, apart from the sheer physical toll, is just how draining, mentally, matches can be. But at least we will not need to lift ourselves. It is not ideal, though.

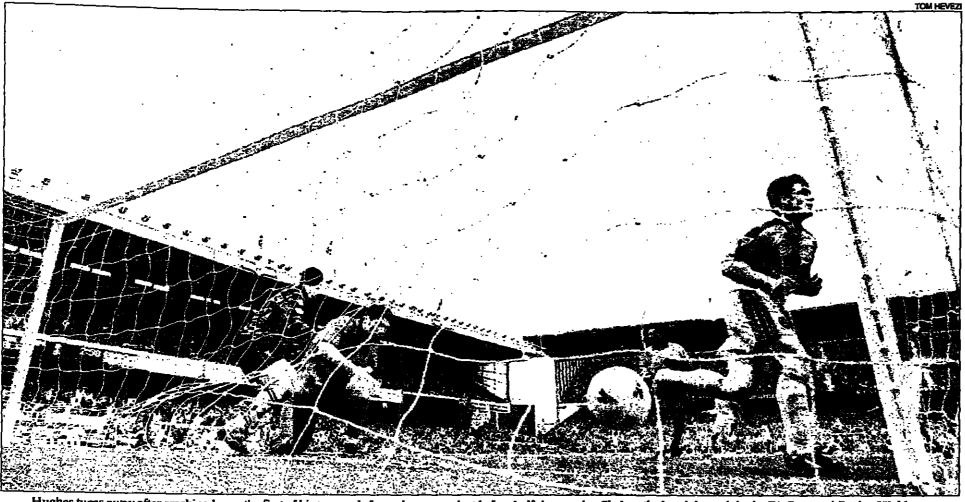
Nothing can be done about it this season, but for the future I suggest the authorities must make a concerted effort to resolve the problem. One simple solution would be to reduce the Premiership

to 18 clubs. I know there are financial pressures that have prevented this in the past, but the time has surely come to grasp the nettle. ur manager has suggested that we play all internationals on Sat-

urdays and that is another good idea, and maybe there is no real need for the League Cup any more. Perhaps the best solution would be to have a winter break and then extend the season until the end of May, or even into June. We don't necessarily play too many games, but we do in comparison to other Euro-

pean teams and that gives us a massive disadvantage in European competitions. If we want to win them, then we are

Chelsea cruise to FA Cup Final after Italian forward's virtuoso display demolishes Wimbledon



Hughes turns away after cracking home the first of his two goals from close range just before half-time to give Chelsea the breakthrough in the FA Cup semi-final at Highbury

Impudent Zola provides the star turn

Wimbledon

By OLIVER HOLT **FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT**

THERE was a hush in the room when Gianfranco Zola climbed up on the dais and sat down behind the table. When he began to speak, it was almost in a whisper, as if the genius that he had drawn on to drag Chelsea clear of Wimbledon in their FA Cup semi-final at Highbury yesterday had drained him of everything he

If Chesterfield and Middlesbrough cornered the semi-final market in drama, Zola provided the individual star turn of the afternoon. His was a virtuoso performance, full of twists and turns that bamboozled the Wimbledon defenders who were supposed to strike fear into him. dotted with darting runs and stinging shots and capped by a story-book

As the sentences fell haltingly from his mouth, though, as he looked occasionally for approval to Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager,

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was steel in the softness of his words just as there had been bite to his brilliance on the pitch.

His performance against Wimble-don, he said, was just the beginning of the fulfilment of a promise that he had made to himself as he left Wembley two months ago almost to the day, having scored the Italian goal that beat England and left their

World Cup hopes in the balance.
"When I left Wembley after I had scored that goal for Italy," he said, "I promised myself that I would come back because the atmosphere there was unbelievable. I wanted to go back there with Chelsea and, now that I have that opportunity, I want to repeat the performance I made with Italy. I have one month to prepare for the FA Cup Final and I will do everything I can to be in perfect form."

On the evidence of yesterday and much more that has been witnessed at Stamford Bridge, he is close to perfect already. Chelsea spent much of the first half bogged down in a war of attrition with an unreconstructed Wimbledon side that seemed to have reverted to a watered-down form of their long-ball game. When Zola and Hughes tried to get the ball back on



wearing life-jackets trying to go deep sea diving. In the end, it was Zola who came up for air.

Two minutes before half-time, as yet another semi-final seemed to be turning into a dreadful anticlimax. Zola waited for a glorious cross-field ball from Leboeuf to fall at his feet. He trapped it so that it did not move more than a few inches from where it fell and then ran at Cunningham, before slipping a reverse pass into Wise's path.

Wise produced a curling cross that flew across the Wimbledon area and, as Burley bore in on it at the far post, Kimble tried to hook it clear but only succeeded in prodding it into the body of Hughes. It fell kindly for the Wales striker, who will now equal a record by appearing in a lifth FA Cup Final, and he volleyed it into the net from two yards out.

the perfect stage. Wimbledon began to chase the game, committing themselves ever more boldly to attack against a Chelsea central defence of Johnsen and Leboeuf that matched them header for towering header and a goalkeeper. Grodas, who belied his reputation for being suspect against crosses. As the Wimbledon attacks foundered, space opened up in mid-field and Zola filled it.

Twenty minutes into the second half, he delivered the coup de grâce, the piece of skill that broke the indomitable spirit of Wimbledon. forced them to realise that they were up against someone that no amount of spirit and effort could contain. It was an innocuous enough ball

that Di Matteo threaded through to Zola on the edge of the Wimbledon penalty area. Blackwell was shadowing him closely, but, as Zola ran on to it, he suddenly flicked it through his own legs, changing direction sharply and flat-footing his marker. Then he moved the ball on with one touch and curled it right-footed beyond Sullivan's despairing hand into the bottom left-hand corner.

Six minutes later, he nearly added to his tally when he dribbled past the if he was not there and hit a 20-yard drive against Sullivan's right-hand post with the goalkeeper well beaten. By now, he was running through tackles, the ball bouncing back to him off the legs of defenders as if it was glued to his feet. Hughes added his second goal, his

seventh in his past seven games, in the dying seconds with a fierce leftfoot shot that flew into the roof of the net in front of the mass ranks of Chelsea fans, but, as the man who may soon be able to claim more FA Cup success than anyone in the modern game took his place beside his strike partner after the match, he acknowleged his debt to Zola.

'He was not bad today, was he?" Hughes said, with a smile. "If he keeps playing like that, he has got a chance. I didn't see his goal because I was too busy running around trying to make a few angles, but I will sit back with a few beers in front of the television tonight and enjoy it with everybody else."

CHELSEA (4-4-2): F Grodas — F Sinclair, F Leboeul, E Johnsen, S Clarke — C Burley, E Newton, R Di Matteo, D Wise — G Zola, M Hughes. WiMBLEDON (4-4-2) N Sullivan — K Cunningham C Parry, D Blackwell, A Kimble — N Ardley (sub: E Holdsworth, 63mm), V Jonas, O Leonhardsen — E

Wimbledon in retreat to sound of silence

Russell Kempson on the pain endured by Highbury's beaten semi-finalists

oe Kinnear is a fine orator. Most of his press conferences soon deleriorate into humorous, if somewhat ribald, soliloquies laced with fruity expletives and bolstered by statistics that often bear little resemblance to reality. He inadvertently plays the professional Irishman, duping those present with his irreverent mix of bluster and blamey.

Yesterday, at Highbury, was not one of his finer moments. As the almost deserted stadium echoed to the sound of dinking glasses from the executive boxes high in the Clock End, the Wimbledon manager strode in to the postmatch inquest. He was asked one question, semi-purged his soul and departed. It lasted little more than three minutes: it was hell on earth when heaven, a place in the FA Cup Final, had been so close.

"I've had a long chat with the players and told every one of them how proud I am of what they have achieved this season," he said, eyes to the floor, desperate to be anywhere but North London. "We've not been out of the top eight in the league since September and have reached both cup semi-finals. There is plenty to be proud of."

Factually, he was correct; emotionally too. A return to Wembley had twice fluttered within grasp, only to be wrenched away. Respect had been attained, pride had been regained, but there was nothing but emptiness.

Only a month Kinnear's eclectic bunch of home-grown players and Nationwide League cast-offs had been pursuing credibility on three fronts. Defeat on away goals terminated their Coca-Cola Cup adventure, against Leicester City, the FA Carling Premiership dream gradually receded amid a welter of fixtures and, yesterday, their

Qualification for Europe, via a high finish in the league.

FA Cup flame died, too.

remote. "We've got to go full blast until the end of the season and hope," Kinnear said, a smidgeon of defiance emerging from beneath the vale of gloom. "Clutching" and "straws" were the words on everybody's lips as he rose to his feet. Out of deference or sympathy, nobody dared utter them until he had left.

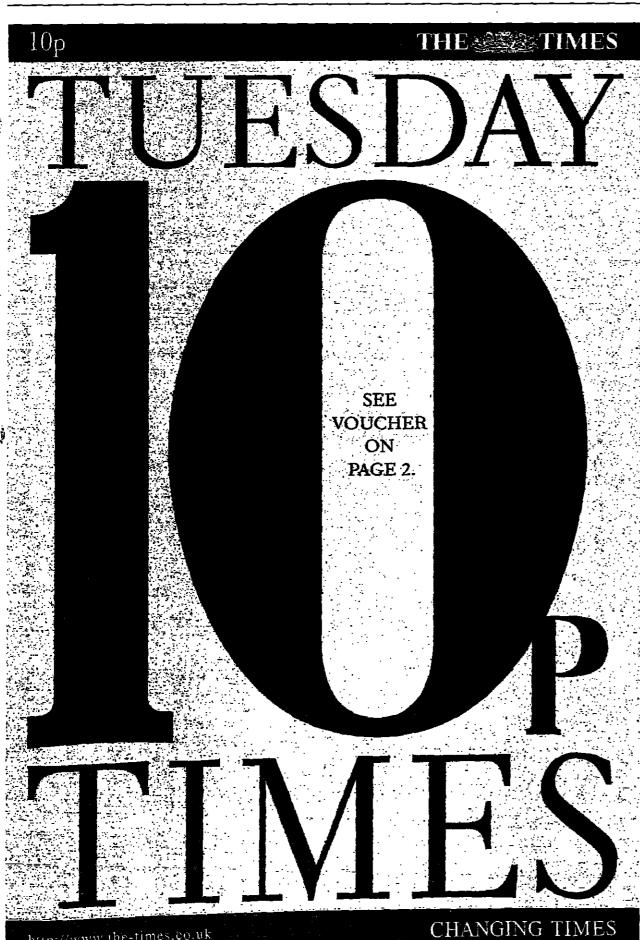
High Noon at Highbury did not spin a tale of Beauty versus Beast or Good versus Evil. Such an assumption is crass and outdated. Though Wimbledon may not poss the Latin sophistication of Zola and Di Matteo, they have long since shrugged off the long-ball noose that had been hung, fairly if patron-isingly, around their necks. During international weeks. Kinnear now loses a large percentage of his squad.

erry, Leonhardsen and Cunningham would earn regular slots in most Premiership sides; Earle and Ardley blend craft with graft, Gayle and Ekoku chase and challenge all day. But for the lack of serious financial muscle to complement his cheap cuts, Kinnear could have been contemplating a campaign in Turkey or Tbilisi

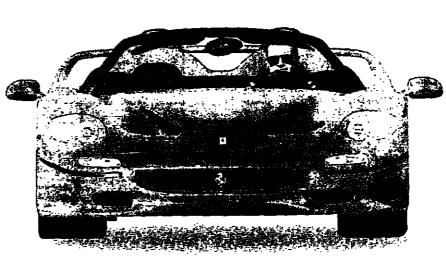
Chelsea's supporters celebrated wildly. Chants of Zola", to the tune of The Kinks' Sixties hit single, rang around the ground and Ruud Gullit, the non-playing Chelsea player-manager, embraced the shaven-beaded Vialli as if their fall-out had been nothing more than a

Wimbledon's smaller contingent of fans drifted away slowly and silently. imagine if we beat those jumped-up continentals from the Bridge," the editorial in Hoof The Ball Up, the club fanzine, had hypothesised. "Vinnie Jones hoisting the Cup in front of 150 million worldwide television viewers . Oh. stop it!"

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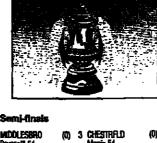
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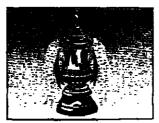
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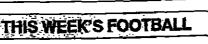
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VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster v Wolding (7.45): Stevenage v Famborough (7 45). TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP. Semi-final: Kilmamock Dundee United (at Easter Road, 7,45).

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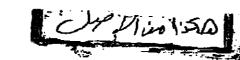
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FOOTBALL: CHAMPIONS BOUNCE BACK FROM DEFEAT IN EUROPE TO KEEP UP PRESSURE IN TITLE RACE

Cole fires United's challenge on run-in

Blackburn Rovers 2 Manchester United......3

By DAVID MILLER

IT USED to be said that Sir Matt Busby was able to keep happy his so-called Babes team of the mid-Fifties, with half a dozen "reserves" of international standard, such as young Bobby Charlton and David Pegg, only because of the league's proprietorial max-imum wage of £18. Man-chester United will now probably retain the FA Carling Premiership title because they can afford unlimited wages for reserves such as Andy Cole, not to mention

Paul Scholes and Phil Neville. Casting off the burdens of a dark week - defeat by Borussia Dortmund, injuries to Schmeichel, May, Irvine and Giggs and the rightful refusal of the FA Premier League selectively to extend United's season - Alex Ferguson's team made light of defeating a competitive but ordinary Blackburn Rovers.

The comparison was stark. With Sutton unfit, Blackburn's deputy lone forward was ... Warhurst Pallister and Johnsen. United's central defenders, enjoyed a relaxed afternoon at Ewood Park.

Cole, for so long the million misfit, adroitly scored United's first goal after half an hour and, after level within three minutes, deftly made the second and third goals for Scholes and Cantona respectively.
"I don't think we'll see Cole

out of the team now," a satisfied and relieved Fergu-son said afterwards. Cole, however, will not find Dortmund at Old Trafford as cooperative as Blackburn were on Saturday.

Against the known caution of a 4-5-1 formation with which Tony Parkes, the Blackburn caretaker manager, has at-tempted to avert the threat of relegation - which still remains - Ferguson adopted an audacious 4-3-3 formation, putting the clock back 20 years. The brave, blond Hendry, cornerstone of Blackburn's past prime, numbled about in a cascade of lunging limbs as he tried to halt United's superiority.
"You get punished for suc-

cess," Parkes said, adding his agreement to the principle that it is wrong to play individual matches after the season is finished.

"Success" meant that, on Saturday, Ferguson chose to rest the weary young Beckham and promote Scholes. "I went for freshness," Ferguson said. He has the depth to have done so. It was Butt, however, who was the man of the match.

By playing three in mid-field, Ferguson risked losing the possession battle to Black-



Sherwood, left, of Blackburn, tangles in mid-air with Phil Neville in the home defeat by Manchester United

no more than ten minutes. The technique and timing of passing between Butt, Keane and Scholes, linking with Cantona behind the front two, soon made McKinlay, Sherwood and Flitcroft look pedestrian. Only on the few occasions when Blackburn got the ball wide to Gallacher and Wilcox did they occasionally play like their old selves.

Parkes. reliable, strongwilled but a definitive No 2, said he was "not concerned" that they had lost to the country's best team and that playing with five in midfield was the only option "to make it difficult for United ... I don't think you can outplay them".

Roy Hodgson will have to think differently when he takes charge in the summer. What Parkes was planning, in effect, was controlled defeat. That is what he got. He is right to be "a bit anxious", worried

when, after 23 minutes, Flowers saved a penalty by Cantona, moving early to a poorly-struck shot. Flowers and his colleagues had vainly protested that Kenna's foul on spreadeagled Butt was innocent.

that games are running out.

Blackburn had been gleeful

Ten minutes later, United were in front. Berg faltered as Butt and Scholes exchanged passes, Cantona glided a concealed pass, as only he can, into the path of Cole on the left and his hooked left-footed shot found Hendry, Berg and Flowers stranded.

Blackburn immediately rallied. When Van der Gouw punched clear a free kick, McKinlay struck it low in the left-hand corner of the net. Then from Gallacher's cross, Warhurst shot at Van der Gouw, a goalkeeper who suggests he will ably deputise for Schmeichel.

United continued to be the more imaginative and three minutes before half-time Cole, under extreme pressure from markers, squeezed the perfect diagonal pass to Scholes on

tootball one minute (6-3

against Manchester United in

next (1-7 against Everton in

November) donned its Bol-

linger outfit against West

Ham United to move out of

the bottom three for the first

West Ham, it must be said,

provided pitiful opposition,

their lack of cohesion and

technique far less worrying

than the meekness of their

surrender. Southampton

time in 15 weeks.

the right and he swept home a stunning first-time low drive.

The start of the second half found Blackburn back-pedalling in disorder and other

goals might have come before Cole, sidestepping Berg near the byline, dribbled towards the near post before rolling a pass to Cantona's right foot a few yards from the goalfew yards from the goal-mouth. Warhurst's late goal hardly threatened the result. BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-5-1): T Flowers — J Kenna, H Berg, C Hendry (sub: 1 Feetre, 87mm), G Le Saux — K Gallacher (sub: G Donis, 82). I Shemood, W McKiniay, G Filteroff (sub: P Pedersen, 82). J Wiscox — P Warhurst MANCHESTER UMFED (4-3-1-2): R van der Gouw — G Neville, G Pallister, R Johnsen, P Neville — N Butt, R Keene, P Scholes (sub: D Beckham, 89) — E Caritoria — O G Solsisper, A Cole, Referers: M Bodenham

clouting the ball out high and wide to Dennis Bergkamp. The Dutchman chased the ball, caught it and, faced by Watts on the byline, somehow made space for his cross. Adams materialised on the far

> Follow that, Arsenal might have said to Leicester and Robins, on the turn, did force Seaman to a difficult save. Late in the match, Elliott's header to lzzet's corner pinballed between Seaman and a helpful post. By and large, though, Arsenal, and Bergkamp in particular, dictated play.

post to dive and head in.

There was abundant help not only from Vieira, as always, but from the still younger Stephen Hughes, 20, who now has the confidence to do ambitious things.

With spring bringing fresh spring to the step of a hitherto marginal David Platt, Arsenal looked good for more goals than they scored. Platt got one after 63 minutes in his old, opportunist way. Bergkamp threaded the ball to him from the left and Platt shot precisely, low inside the far post. Dixon's would have been a

goal as remarkable as Adams's, but the mighty first-time wallop with which Dixon met Wright's centre was gal-lantly turned aside by Keller. After the game, Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, said Keller was "clutching a bag of ice" to his injured thigh. His presence on Wednesday is essential but not certain.

Significantly, Arsenal al-ready had Paul Merson back

on the bench, even though he did not get on the field. They still need more down the flanks and more invention in midfield, but second place seems a valid ambition. Wenger, next season, is planning to give youth its fling. ARSENAL (3-5-2): D Seamen — M Keown. A Adems, S Bould — L Ditton, P Visera, S Hughes (auto: R Parlow, 76min), D Plan, N Winterburn — I Winghi, D Bergkamp LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Neller — M Elliott, J Warts, C Hill (sub: S Carridge, 62) — J Lawrenca, N Lamonn, S Taylor (sub: S Campbell, 72), S Guppy, M Wintlow — M Robbs (sub: M text, 62), I Marshell Railrane; S Lodoe

Falkirk's solid bond puts pressure on Burns

Secondary

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of Wenger

By Brian Glanville

do. Not quite like the famous

race in Alice in Wonderland.

where there was a prize for

everybody, but moving that

way.
Which is why Arsène
Wenger, Arsenal's scholarly
French manager, was so
happy to say "second place is

not impossible" after this

clear-cut win at Highbury on

Saturday. Second place in the

FA Carling Premiership, you

see, will now carry a place in

the enlarged European Cup.

Leicester's patchwork team, devoid of half the Coca-Cola Cup final men who will be

needed for the replay on

Wednesday, did not go down

without a struggle, but with-

out Parker to run the midfield

and Heskey to run around up

front, this was hardly the

Leicester we know and ad-

"I think we need patience,"

Wenger said, using the histor-

ic present. "We need organis-

ation, discipline and move-

ment also, because Leicester

are a well-organised team and

I understand why they did so well away and why they come

back so many times in the

The first Arsenal goal was a

spectacular affair. Receiving

from Wright, Tony Adams,

the centre back now encour-

aged to attack, roared upfield,

mire. Yet it still took Arsenal a

long time to score.

game."

Arsenal. Leicester City.

ootballers are reviving a shambling choreography unseen since Pan's People were ditched by *Top* Of The Pops, but if Falkirk's manoeuvres could still use a YOU Get Nowt For Coming few more rehearsals, they Second was the title of were perfect in their aptness. the autobiography of that Before and after the 1-1 draw incorrigible competitor, Billy with Celtic in the Tennents Brenner, but in these days of Scottish Cup semi-final on football's elephantiasis, you Saturday, the players joined

> land Road stand at Ibrox. While no celebrities show up in any census of the side, unity gave Falkirk a vigorous identity on Saturday. They were outplayed, as they knew they would be. They fell behind, as they feared they might, but there was one form of damage that Alex Totten's team would not tolerate. Falkirk could never be reduced to a gaggle of disconsolate indi-viduals.

hands and walked, in a some-

what ragged line, towards

their supporters in the Cop-

The bonds, so strong in long periods of resistance. also proved to be refined at the equaliser. The scorer, the 6ft 7in centre half, David James, was linked to the provider, Jamie McGowan, by an exquisite cross in the



Scottish commentary

82nd minute. In their camaraderie, the side from the middle of the Bell's Scottish League first division might have been giving a demonstration of the benefits of poverty. Falkirk's opponents cost some £14 million and it often appears that wealth has bought only an elaborate

There is still the replay in which Celtic may put matters to rights, but another match could also provide another demonstration of fragility. On Saturday, Tom Boyd was the only surviving player from the souad inherited by Tommy Burns in 1994 and the manag er annreciates that he will he held accountable for the team

he has constructed. In football, judgment is swift. Burns admits that, at 37. he was ill-equipped to cope with the job at the time of his appointment, yet, a mere three years later, he is at risk of being sacked and knows that his whole career could dwindle thereafter. By some measures, however, the assessment of Burns has

proceeded on a leisurely basis.

t Kilmarnock, who

meet Dundee United

in the second Scottish Cup semi-final at Easter Road tonight, the manager was given only a few months to fasten his grip on the post. Bobby Williamson, replacing the dismissed Totten in December, was selected on a trial basis, with his future resting on the evasion of relegation. Last week, however, he was given the job on as permanent a basis as is possible in this profession. Williamson has set about his onerous mission with a lightness of spirit. Asked about his readiness to introduce two teenage wingers, David Bagan and Alex Burke, he explains that since his side were conceding so many goals, he thought it might be a good idea to score a few more. It is an invigorating approach, even if Burns could warn him how quickly breeziness can become becalmed.

Speed settles ugly war of attrition

Tottenham Hotspur...... 0

By Mark Hodkinson _ . .

down and elbows cruise the breeze. The smell of freshly cut grass drifts over the traffic jams that snake all around Goodison Park.

Summer is almost upon us and the pace of life is set to decelerate, but Everton and Tottenham Hotspur know nothing of this impending peace. They are kicking and screaming against the fading light of a dying season.

Neither side is touched particularly by flair and grace, so, when they met on Saturday. both resorted to a brutal war of attrition. Knees were slammed into chests, heads clashed, studs grated down ankles and players roamed the field settling personal vendettas.

The referee, Gary Willard, was the only sane man in the cauldron of madness. He rightly booked eight players and somehow remained calm and impartial as players fought and bickered and supporters slavered at the perime-

"The most important thing today was to win." Dave Watson, the Everton caretaker player-manager, said after-wards. This statement has been heard too often this season; it is an unsatisfactory excuse for aggressive, aimless football played on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Everton needed the win to negate the fear of relegation. They packed the midfield and tackled everything in sight. often ambushing opponents in

packs of three. Tottenham were willing to mix it, but fast ran out of personnel. Scales, Nielsen and Carr were withdrawn injured and Fox finished the game limping.

There were but two mo ments of joy on a fractious afternoon in the sun. Everton's goal was marvellously simple. Stuart raced clear and Speed headed his cross neatly be-

had found his ringside seat a little too close for comfort.

Football, quite rightly, demands aggression and passion; it is the recklessness, peevishness and outright violence we can do without

yond Walker. The other stolen pleasure was the performance of Everton's 17-year-old defender, Richard Dunne. He has the physique of a baker's son, but is deceptively quick. Assured on the ball, he is also intelligent enough to know when to

punt it into the stand. Violence, like beauty, is clearly in the eye of the beholder. Watson thought the bookings were "petty" and that the game had not been "rough". In contrast, Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, had the bewildered and drained look of a man who

"I think it was more of a battlefield than a football game," he said. "There were a few X-rated challenges out there, but it is a man's game and you have to expect that when there are so many things

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Southampton uncork the style fending has let us down at "If we can stay up, it will be a and who could blame him? A team capable of champagne

Southampton West Ham United

By KEITH PIKE

WHO will shed a tear for Southampton if they are relegated, a fate that cannot be disregarded despite the importance and impressive na ture of this victory? There will not be a dry eye at The Dell for sure, and there will be others who will mourn their passing after 19 seasons spent challenging increasingly pro-hibitive odds. Like Coventry City, Southampton are one of those clubs that most fans have a soft spot for. if only because their presence guarantees at least one win a

season. Yet it would be fanciful to suppose that Dave Merrington was offering a prayer on their behalf yesterday. Merrington might have found it hard to suppress a chuckle had he heard Graeme

great achievement, given what the Premier League is about." It would have brought to mind the words of Lawrie McMenemy, the club's director of football, ii months earlier. "If we finish with three teams below us it has been a successful season," McMenemy had said after a goalless draw against Wimbledon on the final day of the season had preserved Southampton's status. "Dave has

done a tremendous job." Within a matter of weeks, Merrington found that the reward was to be unceremoniously discarded to make way for the "big-name" manager that is Souness and the bigtime salary that he commands. Around £5 million has been spent (much of it, admittedly, recouped), and where do Southampton find themselves? Still in that same, sticky, relegation mess.

Still, Sourcess was "going to

played them off the park with II men in the first half and did the same with ten in the second, when only Miklosko's agility prevented a rout. reflect on a performance brimming with passion and purpose. Those who had written Southampton off, Souness chided, had failed to recog-

Souness, meanwhile, could nise the quality in his team. "We have been playing good,

Southampton's grittiness was personified by Evans, who October) and brown ale the

was prepared to withstand an inevitable and potentially damaging collision with a post to head them in front, and their fluency by Berkovic, who banged in the second goal. Magilton's penalty miss and the dismissal of Dodd for a professional foul on Hartson were treated as no more than minor inconveniences. "We have still got Coventry.

Blackburn and Sunderland to play and we are still in charge of our own destiny," Souness said. "You cannot ask for more than that." Not even a guarantee that his P45 will not be in the post come summer.

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have a couple of glasses of exciting football all season," wine" and enjoy the weekend, he said. "Only abysmal de-Souness claim on Saturday: Little fine awaits absent-minded Bosnich

Derby County..... Aston Villa 1

By RICHARD HOBSON

ON SATURDAY morning. Brian Little, the Aston Villa manager, described Mark Bosnich as possibly the best goalkeeper in England". To-day, Bosnich may find himself on the transfer list after leaving the Baseball Ground in a fit of pique an hour before the FA Carling Premiership game against Derby County, having been named as a substitute. Bosnich will be called before

Little today and, at the very

least, he can expect to be fined

two weeks' wages — around £15,000. Bosnich has struggled with a hamstring injury and Little felt that he was still not sufficiently fit to play ahead of Michael Oakes. Villa were forced to name their third-string goalkeeper, Adam Rachel, as substitute.

"There was no conversation between Mark and myself," Little said. "I picked the team, he was not in it and at five to two I was given a message that he had left the ground. I am disappointed, to say the least. and a lot of the guys in the dressing-room are disappointed, too. You can bet your life this is a disciplinary matter. Before this, he was our No I goalkeeper, it is an absolute certainty that the situation has Little stuck by Bosnich last

October after the player's Nazi-style salute at White Hart Lane. Bosnich became a model of contrition and he would do well to adopt a similar tone today. Oakes, a former England

Under-21 international, is a capable deputy and he could not be faulted for the two firsthalf goals that ensured Derby a third win in four games and carried them beyond the 40-point total considered sufficient to avoid relegation. Derby went ahead in the

21st minute through Gary

Rowett's first goal for the club, finishing ruthlessly from the edge of the penalty area. Fourteen minutes later, Dean Sturridge floated a pass to Van der Laan, who curled his

Julian Joachim, a substitute.

shot into the far corner.

capitalised on confusion between Rowett and Russell Hoult to score with seven minutes remaining. It was minutes remaining. It was scant consolation for Villa.

DERBY COUNTY (3-5-2): R Hout — J Laursen, PAscSmith, C Delby — G Rowelt, R van der Laan (sub: D Powell, TBminh, P Trollope, A Asanovic (sub: M Solls, 78), P Cowell — D Stumdge, A Ward (sub: P Wandchope, 78)

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2). M Oelees. — U Ehlogu, G Southgele, D Hughes (sub: J Joachim, 73). — F Nelson, I Taylor, M Draper (sub: S Cursc. 62), A Townsend, A Wight — D Yorke, S Milosevic Referee: P Darson.

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FOOTBALL: SUPPORTERS SAVOUR VICTORY OVER LEADERS

Board games unite Brighton battalions

Brighton and Hove Albion 1 Wigan Athletic

By SIMON BARNES

GROUCHO MARX refused to belong to any club that would accept him as a member. Football supporters are the exact opposite. To be a football supporter is to live a contradiction. The experience is about belonging: the truth is that, in fact, you belong to nothing

A football club does not have members. Supporters do not, in the main, own any part or aspect of the establishment that they love. They have no rights over "their" club. They are disenfranchised, utterly powerless and absolutely essential. The relationship of club to supporter would provide material for a hell-fire Marxist sermon.

If you want to sermonise about the football club as a grasping, exploitative, capitalist entity, then there are models enough at the sharp end of the FA Carling Premiership. But if you want your villains to be inept as well, then look at the other end of professional

Brighton lie at the bottom of the hope. It was a battle of bottom

Nationwide League third division and are in pole position to dive into the void of the Vauxhall Conference. They live on the cusp of disaster, so perhaps you would expect the supporters to stay away in droves. They could hardly be blamed for doing so. The cycle of endless defeat is wearying enough, but the financial hash that the board has made of the club would prompt a sane person to wash his hands of the whole muddle.

As an example of what the present board thinks of its supporters, its latest suggestion is to ground-share with Gillingham only a 150-mile round trip. They have flogged their ground, the Goldstone, and have to move out at the end of the season. They have nowhere to go and, apparently, no money left from the sale, though financial details are not public, this being not a club at all but a limited

Yet the fans do not stay away in droves. On Saturday, the atten-dance was 8,703. Some were there for the last rites — the anorak tendency. Most, though, were simply football supporters, or rather Brighton supporters, and they created an atmosphere of frenzied

Crawshaw fails to dispel Fairclough's frustration manager. He felt that, but for Stevenage Borough2

et; 1-1 at 90min;

By Walter Gammie

THERE was a dramatic finish to the FA Umbro Trophy semi-final at Broadhall Way on Saturday as Stevenage Borough scored in the final minute of extra time to force a replay at Vicarage Road on

Gary Crawshaw chased a long ball by Dean Hooper and lifted it with a deft touch over the advancing Laurence Batty to revive a cause that had looked lost to Hay's turn and shot in the 105th minute. Anger was, nevertheless, the prime emotion experienced by Paul Fairclough, the Stevenage

uncertain finishing by Hayles and Adams, Stevenage should have wrapped up a tie launched perfectwhen Hayles wiped out the deficit from the first leg after 41 econds and, in theory, further helped when Kevan Brown, the Woking captain, was sent off in the 35th minute for a late challenge on Barrowcliff.

The battered sides recled away to regroup for their next assignments: not the replay, but Vauxhall Conference matches tonight ... and Alex Ferguson thinks he is

against top and Brighton won it. Wigan, already promoted, were a fraction off the pace and lacked the sense of drama and urgency lent to Brighton by the beauty of the occasion, Maskell headed home Mayo's cross in the second half and Brighton hung on, to a cacophony of whistles, until the end. A mere two points adrift now

two points that were deducted after a peaceful pitch invasion, a demonstration against the hated board there is still the belief that Brighton can defy gravity. Did Hartlepool United not lose on Saturday? Three games to go, but only one at home, the last away to the third team in the scrap, Hereford

What are Brighton doing in this ridiculous mess? In 1980, they finished sixteenth in the top division, ahead of Manchester City and Everton. Three years later, they were a few inches away from beating Manchester United -"and Smith must score!" - in the FA Cup Final. They have always had good support, but all their history since Smith's fateful miss has been a fluttering, downward spiral, a frantic search for the rock bottom that still they have yet to

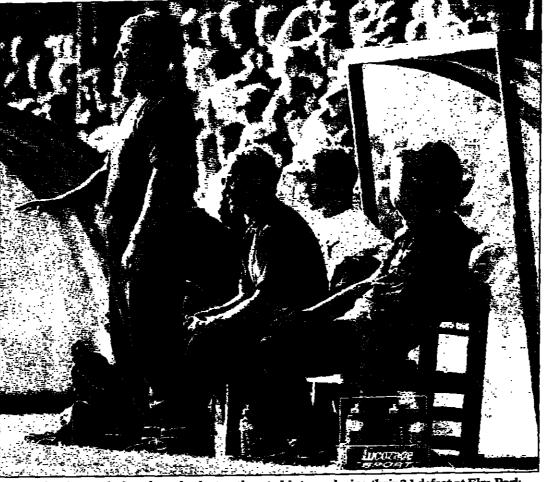
The supporters have wrung their hands, the Football League has dithered, the chairman, Bill Archer, has kept himself hidden away in Lancashire, not showing himself to supporters or speaking to newspapers. It is a mess and people are dreadfully upset about it. They do not see themselves as clients, or as part of the assets of a limited company. The club is them and they are the club - and they know that this means absolutely nothing at all. Their loyalty to a doubtful cause may mot be the most edifying thing in humanity, but it is nothing to sneer at, either. Football clubs are there for

people to feel strongly about. Many talk about what has happened at Brighton, and what is likely to happen, as a tragedy. It is not. It is a comedy and all the more poignant for that.

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Old pals axe falls on McGhee

Wolverhampton Wanderers..1

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

MARK McGHEE is a smart man, tactically astute and upwardly mobile. When he eventually leads Wolverhampton Wanderers into the FA Carling Premiership, perhaps not this season, he will have successfully served his managerial apprenticeship and graduated with honours. He should go far, possibly further than Molineux can

It is unlikely, though, that there will be a lengthy queue to shake his hand. McGhee has an unerring knack of upsetting people and appears to court controversy at almost every turn. He is acutely ambitious, to the point of ignoring all other considerations, and is never afraid to pass a judgment that defies the consensus.

As befits such an opinionated nature, there will be occasions when lashings of humble pie have to be eaten and Elm Park on Saturday was one of them as Wolves' hopes of automatic promotion from the Nationwide League

first division met an inglorious end and Reading again delighted in heaping misfortune on their former

That Reading owe a large debt to McGhee has long since been forgotten. All that is remembered is from December 1994, when he agreed a new contract and then walked out the next day, for Leicester City, having changed his mind. Hell hath no fury like a supporter scorned.

Before Saturday, McGhee had experienced four fruitless encounters with Reading since his departure -- once with Leicester, who he left in similarly acrimonious circumstances a year after joining them. It was no different at the fifth time of asking, the mocking taunts of the home fans ringing in his ears as he left the ground.

"I suppose we still have a chance of second place, but it's looking more like a place in the play-offs. he said, trying to retain a shred of dignity as the insults flew. "I don't mind Reading beating us, but I don't like their attitude towards beating us. They had nothing at stake, they were playing for something else and that's a bit sad."

During the game, his emotions

pathetic first-half display, he leapt oyously to his feet when Atkins néaded in Ferguson's 75th-minute corner. Frank views were exchanged with fans behind the visitors' dug-out and though the police received no official complaints, stewards were called.

Future action may follow. When Lovell equalised in the ninetieth minute, McGhee slapped a fist into the palm of his hand; when Lovell again volleyed home, in the sixth minute of time added on, he hung his head in disbelief. At the final whistle, he magnanimously applauded the victors, congratulated several of the players and swiftly disappeared to the sanctuary of the dressing-room.

The way to shut them up would be to go there and win." he had said in midweek. "That would give me great pleasure." On Saturday, the pleasure was all Reading's.

READING (4-4-2): S Mautone — J Hopkins, S Batherwick, K McPherson, A Bernal — M Meaker. P Parkinson (sub: D Caskey, 22mn), M Gooding, J Lambert (sub: M WManns, 62) — J Cudinn (sub: B Glasgow, 63), S Lovel. Cassgow, cs., s Coven.
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Roberts, D Goodman.

Stockport owe much to Mutch

Stockport County.... Burnley

By PETER BALL

STOCKPORT County, facing a similar test of endurance to their bigger Manchester neighbours. began four key league games in eight days with a win on Saturday, Andy Mutch's gift goal four min-utes from the end deciding a tight,

"A great start to a big week," Dave Jones, the Stockport manager said, "but then, it's been a big season. The one thing we couldn't afford was to lose to this team, so getting the two extra points is a

On the day, it was more than Stockport and less than Burnley deserved. "How we got nothing out of the game is beyond me," Adrian Heath, the Burnley manager, complained afterwards. Three times. we were one-on-one with their keeper, they've had two efforts at goal all day and then we go and gift them an awful goal."

Two of those chances fell to Paul Barnes, who scored all five when Burnley won 5-2 in the teams encounter at Turf Moor. This time, he missed. The misses became even more crucial when Mutch, who had just arrived as substitute, took advantage of a mix-up between Russell and his defenders to push the ball into the empty net.

"One long punt downfield and the next moment someone who's turned his back on the ball ends up rolling it into the net." Heath said bitterly. No wonder Burnley, who had just been refused an obvious penalty, were distraught. Now their own hopes of qualifying for the play-offs are in the balance.

Most neutrals believe that Stockport are the best side in the division, but on Saturday they were playing their sixtieth game of the season and it showed. They have games in hand on their rivals at the top of the second division, but they lost Armstrong, one of the key figures in their success, with a knee injury. With Stockport playing again today, he has little time to

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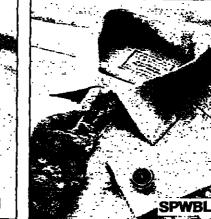




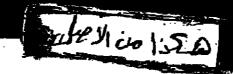








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Chepchumba denies Briton victory on day of London Marathon records

McColgan foiled in the final strides

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dould it have been something to do with Linford Christie being an official guest starter? Perhaps not, but two rices over 26 miles and 385 yards were decided on a sprint yesterday when the London Marathon enjoyed the most spectacular day in its 17-year Everywhere you looked, records were falling atriid other unprecedented feats of achievement.

Never have two marathon races in one city on the same day finished so close, one second separating the first two formen, two seconds the leading two men. So often one ads, and hears on radio and relevision, of the marathon theing a 26-mile race. This was not the day to ignore the 385 yards, not even the five

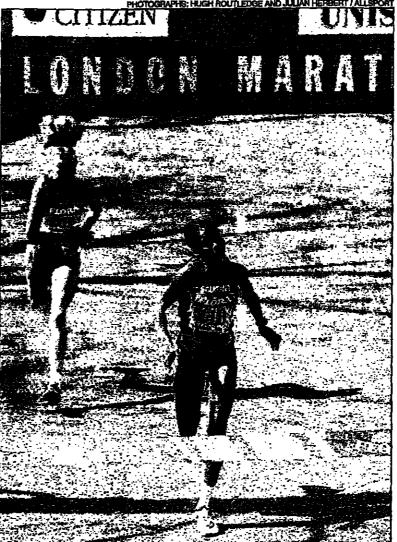
Four men ran inside the old ourse record, which had stood for 12 years, as Antonio Pinto, from Portugal, became the first athlete to regain the nen's title. Nine men broke the 2hr 10min barrier and ten vomen were inside 212 hours, oth records for London, as was the number of starters. more than 29,000.

However, there was one first spectators did not want: the first victory in London by a Kenyan woman. It is not that oyce Chepchumba is unpopuar, just that Liz McColgan vas battling in her typical, myielding fashion to secure a British victory. The whole of ondon seemed to offer a ollective gasp of disappointnent as McColgan lost in the ast few strides, but she had just been involved in the losest women's marathon here has been.

McColgan set a personalest time, in her eighth mara-non, but she had said eforehand that the clock was ot in her thoughts and nothng had changed. "I am very lisappointed," McColgan aid. "One of the mistakes I nade was that, instead of aking the lead, I probably should have stayed back a

Chepchumba recorded 2hr 6min 51sec, the quickest winng time for six years, and AcColgan 2hr 26min 52sec. hus last year's one-two was eversed, but it may have been lifferent had McColgan not with 20 metres to go and that, finally, after a mile running miles, but was paying the including the two main British





Pinto, left, celebrates his success in the men's race and Chepchumba, right, just gets the better of McColgan in the women's event

with whom he would become

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together in which neither would concede an inch, the Kenyan had been dropped.

I did not realise Joyce was there," McColgan said. By the time she did, it was too late to respond, although whether she could have done is a moot point, so drained did she look. After the race had shaken

itself down to these final two contenders, McColgan forced pace, allowing Chepchumba to follow in her slipstream. McColgan complained that stomach trouble had prevented her from drinking adequately. "When it got to 21 miles. I thought I would be lucky to get into the top five," McColgan said. At that point, she was labouring and, at 24 miles, there was a gap to her in fourth place behind Chepchumba, Sonja Krolik, from Germany, and Lidia Simon, from Romania.

price of her excesses. She fell away quickly and, at 25 miles, Chepchumba pulled clear from Simon. McColgan, finding new strength, moved into second place and was soon up with Chepchumba. Simon was third in 2hr

27min Ilsec, Krolik fourth in 2hr 28min 2sec, while the quality of field was underlined by Manuela Machado, the world champion, from Portugal, finishing sixth in 2hr 28min 12sec. Marian Sutton, the Briton who won the Chicago Marathon, failed to break 212 hours, finishing twentieth in 2hr 35min 45sec. The women's race, in con-

trast to the men's, was quicker over the second half than the first. In ideal weather, 11C with hardly a wind, the lead group followed world record schedule through ten miles. At 20 miles, by which time the Krolik had led by 50sec at 20 group was down to five,

hopes, Richard Nerurkar and involved in a sprint finish. made a surge at 19 miles, he could not go with it. By 23 Paul Evans, they were a minute off world-record pace. Pinto, at this point, and for miles, Evans and Nerurkar another three miles, was some had been dropped, leaving way behind, seemingly out of Baldini, Josiah Thugwane, the contention. He said that when Olympic champion, and Eric Stefano Baldini, the Italian Kimaiyo, from Kenya, to con-

> However, the 24th mile signalled Pinto's resurgence. "I"do not know where the energy came from to catch up," he said. From the lead vehicle's view, Pinto was nowhere to be seen, but suddenly, a mile from the finish, he was up with the leaders.

> test the title. Or so one

Pinto took up the running without hesitation. Thugwane and Kimaiyo fell back. Coming into The Mall, it was like a re-run of the women's race: two athletes raising their pace together in sight of the finish. Pinto had just the edge, setting a course record 2hr 7min said. The treasurer is looking 55sec, supplanting the mark of

2hr 8min 16sec set by Steve Jones, from Britain, in 1985. Baldini recorded 2hr 7min 57sec. Thugwane was third in 2hr 8min 6sec, Kimaiyo fourth in 2hr 8min 8sec. Nerurkar, fifth in 2hr 8min

36sec, not only finished ahead of Evans but replaced him as the third-fastest Briton of all time. Evans was eighth in 2hr 9min 18sec and Eamonn Martin, the last male British winner, four years ago, was thirteenth in 2hr 12min 29sec.

The combination of the best weather the London Marathon has had and the strength of the fields assembled by Dave Bedford brought the records tumbling and pushed the time bonus payouts to a new high figure. "Dave promised me he would be under budget, but I cannot quite see it." Nick Bitel, the London Marathon chief executive. verv pale."

BASKETBALL

Clark may be tempted by vacancy at Palace

By Nicholas Harling

AS THE Leopards head irresistibly towards Wembley for the Budweiser championship play-off finals and to within sight of the treble, their vociferous coach, Billy Mims, may have to employ his well-used vocal chords on finding a new assistant for next season. Mims, who incurred a technical offence for eam's 130-122 first-leg quarter-final win at Leicester Riders on Saturday, may shortly be losing Mark Clark to Crystal Palace.

The contribution of Clark to the London club's triumphs in the league and cup this season has not gone unnoticed south of Thames, where Palace are looking for a new coach. Kevin Hibbs, who stepped up to fill the breach there when Alton Byrd left to become general manager of the London Monarchs American football team, wants to concentrate on the club's juniors. Clark, who coached the Palace women's team for two seasons in the 1980s, would seem the ideal choice.

They have spoken to me but there is nothing definite." he admitted after the Leopards had the better of a highscoring, foul-ridden game at Leicester. "I'm happy where I am. I like working with Billy. This club is very well run, but Palace have a head coach's job on offer so I've got to be

There was never any question about the outcome of Saturday's match. The Leopards were in charge almost sank the first of his 43 points after 12 seconds. Leicester's Leon McGee did his best to dispute the individual honours with White and finished with 37 points.

London Towers recovered from their shattering 87-71 home defeat by Newcastle Eagles that completed their league programme a week ago by beating the same opponents 91-79. With their home leg to come at Wembley Court tomorrow, the two London clubs should be the first to book their places in Wembley Arena on the weekend of May 3-4.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Monarchs survive first-day iitters

London Monarchs 14 Frankfurt Galaxy

By RICHARD WETHERELL

THE London Monarchs took greater advantage of the mistakes in an error-strewn first outing to start their World League of American Football season with a hard fought win. On such a day, it was fitting that the final two points came from a safety when Chad May, the Frankfurt Galaxy quarterback, was sacked in the end zone by Malcolm Showell.

Both sides relied on the power of their running backs to make ground, which made the match less than enthrallinteresting simply because of the closeness of the score. The Monarchs will be happy with the win, though disappointed with the attendance of 10,718 at Stamford Bridge yesterday fewer than any of their five homes games at White Hart Lane last season.

The Monarchs' first mistake came on their third play when White's pass was intercepted Frankfurt capitalised immediately. Phillips crossing for a touchdown with 4min 5sec gone in the first quarter.

Silvestri missed a chance to reduce the deficit with a 44yard field goal attempt, but the Monarchs opened their account when McEntyre intercepted May and ran the ball in from 51 yards. This time, Clive Allen, the much-travelled former England soccer forward, came on to attempt the extra point, but pushed the kick

Another kicking mishap, by the Galaxy punting unit, put the Monarchs in close range in the third quarter and Titley. like Silvestri and McEntyre a returning Monarch, collected White's pass for a four-yard touchdown. The two-point attempt that would have given London a seven-point margin

The woes of the kickers began in Amsterdam on Saturday. Gary Parker, the former Melrose rugby union wing, missed with a field goal and an extra point attempt as the Scottish Claymores began their title defence with a 16-3 victory over the Admirals.

SPEEDWAY

Busy Pirates plunder four successive wins

By Tony Hoare

POOLE Pirates edged to within a whisker of the Speedway Star Cup semi-finals with a blistering series of wins over the weekend. If Alex Ferguson thinks his Manchester United team have a busy spell coming soon, perhaps he should consider the Pirates' run of four matches on successive nights. Perhaps he can also take heart from the Dorset club's record of four comfortable wins.

Poole completed a homeand-away double over Peterborough on Wednesday and Friday, an away victory over lpswich on Thursday and capped it all with a win at King's Lynn on Saturday. If they draw their home

match with Ipswich on Wednesday evening, they will be sure of a place in the semifinals, where they are likely to face Eastbourne. In the northern section, Wolverhampton and Coventry are favourites to make progress. Poole were spurred on by their 52-38 defeat of Peterborough on Wednesday, during which the Panthers' promoter. Peter Oakes, complained the Poole track had been doctored. Oakes claimed that starting gate two -- where one of the away team's riders start from in four of the opening five races - had been drenched with water to make

it a slower position. The Panthers lodged an official protest with the meeting referee, Ronnie Alian, who instructed the track staff to carry out repair work. Mervyn Stewkesbury, the Poole promoter, accepted there was a problem with gate two, but said accusations of cheating were "absolutely ridiculous".

Peterborough bounced back in superb fashion on Saturday with a six-point victory away at Bradford in their opening Elite League fixture. Bradford had topped 50 points in their three previ-ous matches at Odsal, but Jason Crump, the visitors' Australian captain, led them to a 48-42 win with four race wins in his 12-point score.

NETBALL

Juniors join veterans for South Africa tour

By a Special Correspondent

AN INTEGRATED senior and under-21 training session at the University of Kent in Canterbury last week played a vital part in determining the composition of the newly-announced England squad to tour South Africa this July.

The 12-woman party selected consists of a mix of veteran and younger players, some of whom participated in last year's under-21 championships in Toronto. Canada. The two-week tour begins on July 12 and includes matches in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein.

Fiona Murtagh, the England captain, is optimistic that her personnel have learnt from the 1995 world championships in Birmingham, when South Africa were runners-up to Australia and England finished fourth behind New Zealand.

"We have an experienced team with a lot of younger players also in this squad." Murtagh explained. This means we can combine energy with knowledge gained from

previous encounters with the South Africans. Team spirit is high and everyone is looking forward to the tour."

Before that, Middlesbrough is the venue for next week's inter-county championships, the largest tournament in the national domestic netball calendar. There will be more than 1,000 players, including the entire England and under-21 squads, representing 52 counties. The event, staged annually around the country since 1932, is now so large that it will be split between three sites in Middlesbrough's affluent Acklam suburb.

This year's defending senior champions are Essex Metropolitan, who defeated Middlesex in a tense final, 13-10, in 1996. The reigning junior champions are North Durham, who beat Essex Met 16-6 last year.

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Met), H Marushee (Esterman

TODAY FOOTBALL

Nationwide League Vauxhall Conterence Kidderminster v Woking (7.45) Slevenage v Famborough (7.45) Tennent's Scottish Cup

Kamarnock v Dundee Uid (at Easter Road, 7 45) . .

OR MARTIENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmstord v Newport AFC (7.45).
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ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v St Albans: Dagenham and Rectoring v Chertsry (7.45).
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Swarsse (at Highthi Town FC, 7.0). Swindon v Ouecons Park Rangers (2.0); Postponed: Totlenham Hotspus v West Ham
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby v Solee (7.0); Leads v Shedheld Wednesday (at Haidax Town FC, 7.0; Menchester Union v Lucester V Sunderland (7.0), Prestion v Notis County (7.0) Trind division: Walsel v Bury (7.0). Lague Cup: Semi-finat: York v Burriey (7.0).
UNILET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Saltdean v Ringmer

OTHER SPORT FIACING: Musselburgh (2.20): Heshem (2.10); Southwell (2.0). SPEEDWAY: Speedway Star Cup: Wolverhampton v Covertry (7.30) Premier League Knockout Cup: Exeter v Arena Essex (7.30); Reading v Long Eaton (7.30). TABLE TENNUS: Commonwealth champaneopistic (4.6).

TOMORROW RUGBY UNION COURAGE CLUSS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Harloquins v Bristol (7.30); Sale v Saracans (7.15) RUGBY LEAGUE

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> OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Chempiomathp play-offs: Second leg: London v Newcastle (7:30); Sheffleid v Manchester (at Ponde Forge 5C, 7:30). Third leg (if required) Leopards v Leicester (7:30). RACING: Newmarkst (2:05); Cheftenham (2:20); Exeter (2:10) TABLE TENNIS: Commonwealth chempionships (at Glasgow).

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Newcastle (7.45)
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Bridgend (7.0). RUGBY LEAGUE PRST DIVISION: Keightey v Witnes (7 30) Second division: Bramey v Donceste

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BASKETBALL: Budweiser League:
Championship play-offs: Second leg:
Burningham v Creater (7-0)
BOXING: Championselith bentamweight championship: Paul Loyd (Elesmere Porthotier) v Sampinue Panama (at York Hall, Bethnal Green).
RACING: Newmarket (2.05): Pontairact (2.45): Chellenham (2.20).
TABLE TENNIS: Commonwealth championships (at Glasgow)

THURSDAY RACING: Newmarket (20); Ripon (2.10),

RUGBY LEAGUE

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COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP:
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Saracens (2.15), West Harlepool v Northerapton Second division: Bedford v
London Scottish: Blackhreath v Waterloo;
Coveraty w Moseley. Nortingham v Rugby;
Richmond v Waterlied; Rotherhem v
Newcastle. Third division: Clitton v London

Welsh; Exeler v Liverpool St. Helens;
Harrogate v Havant Leedte v Fyfel; Lydney v
Morley, Fleading v Rossin/ Park, Waterla

Reduth, Whartedale v Ofley. Fourth ofvision north: Appeting v Kardol; Heretord v
Birmogham/Solihulf; Nuneation v Manchester; Sandal v Perston Grasshoppers;
Smitted v Worcester: Stoutbridge v Stokeon-Trent; Winnington Park, v Lichfield.
Fourth division south; Askeans v Newbury.
Carriberley v Figh Wycombe; Chartton Park,
V Phymouti; Chaterhem v Met Police; North
Wateham v Berlang; Tabard v Berry Hilt,
Weston-super-Mens v Henley.
CS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final:
Curtibna v Sornerset (at Turchenham). CIS UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMP-IONSHIP: Final: Dorsel and Willshire v Yorkshire (at Twickenham, 12:30)

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WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Bridgeria
v Caerphily (2:30); Durwit v Carrilli (2:30);
Ebbw Vale v Printypridd (2:30); Neath v
Newton (2:30); Newtonige v Swennea
(2:30); Treorsty v Llanelli (2:30); Second distation: Abstrillery v Aberrevon (2:30); Bornmaen v Blackwood (2:30); Cross Keys v
Ystradgynlass (2:30); Llandovery v Abergyron (2:30); Porthypool v Maesteg (2:30);

OTHER SPORT
BADMINTON: Fizerids Provident Grand
Stam (at Redoindge)
RACING: Newbury (2-0); Thirsk (2-20); Ayr
(1-55), Bangor (2-10); Stratitord (2-35).
SNOOKER: Embassy world champion-ships (at Sheffield)
TABLE TEINNIS: Commonwealth champi-onships (at Glasgow). SUNDAY RUGBY UNION COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Pirst division: Wasps v Sale (at Loftus Road)

OTHER SPORT

TENNENTS 1566 CUP: Quarter finals: RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY LEAGUE: Ruck-off 3.0 unless stated
STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Castletord v Halifax (3.30); Sheffleld v Leads (6.35); Sheffleld v Leads (6.35); Sheffleld v Leads (6.35); Sheffleld v Moran (3.5); Wignar v Ottham. First division: Hull v Huddensfield (3.15); Keighley v Dewsbury: Swinton v Hull /Ongston Rovers; Widnes v Walkefield, Workington v Festimension: Second division: Balley v Humslet (3.15); Carlisle v Rochdele; Doncaster v Leight, Prescot v Bramilex, York v Barron. niey. York v Barrow

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League
(WLAF): Rhein v London (3.0); Scottish
Claymores v Barcelone (at Murrayfield,
3.0) BADMINTON: Friends Provident Grand Sam (at Redondge).

BASNETBALL: Budweleer League:
Championship play-offs: Third leg (if required) Sheffield v Manchester (at Ponds Forge ISC, 6.30); London v Nemcaste (6.30). Newcastle (6.30).

MOTOR RACING: British touring car championship (at Silverstone).

SNOOKER: Embassy world championships (at Sheffleid).

SPEEDWAY: Premier Lasgue Knockous Cup: Glasgow v Berwick (6.30), Newcastle v Edinburgh (6.30). Skegness v Long Eaton (6.30).

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Howley has final word as Cardiff hold sway

By GERALD DAVIES

WITHOUT question, this match belonged to Robert Howley. It is doubtful whether any player has exerted so much influence on a semifinal as he did at Swansea yesterday and his majesterial performance at scrum half duly took Cardiff into the final of the Swalec Cup, against Swansea on April 26.

Not only were the three tries he scored an obvious factor. but also, in the first half, when his side established their dominance, he controlled the tacties to his team's advantage. During this time, into a stiff breeze, Cardiff took a 28-9 lead and appeared to have taken the game beyond the reach of a Llanelli team which, at that stage, hardly resembled the

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side that has swept all before them in recent weeks - including a routing of Cardiff. Yet, after the interval,

Llanelli clawed back the deficit and, with seven minutes of the match remaining, came within five points of Cardiff. The tide of events had gone against their opponents, while the psychological advantage belonged to Llanelli, too. They were awarded 12 pen-

alties in the second half against Cardiff's one and, from the the last of these, Botica found touch ten metres from the Cardiff line for one final accault Llanelli won possession and

drove, but, from the maul that followed, Howley emerged with the ball and took flight. He had a long way to go, there were red shirts converging on him, but, keeping a calm head, he swept along the narrow corridor by the touchline and triumphant drive. It was a dramatic culmination to a pulsating semi-final.

The accurate boot of Lee Jarvis played its part for Cardiff, too. His metronomic place kicking was superb early on. Jenkins was warned in the second minute and Jarvis out his side into the lead with a penalty goal. Another penalty was awarded, too far out to begin with, but, with Llanelli failing to retreat in time, Jarvis

the posts and took it. Botica closed the gap, but Jarvis extended it again in the ninth minute.

The match had begun at a swift and hectic pace, which was to remain to the end. There was variety, too, and width to the play.

The kicking contest was interrupted when Cardiff launched a thrilling attack that went right and took in most of the Lianelli defence. By the time that the ball emerged swiftly to the left. Walker was faced with Botica. He took his man for sheer pace to score the first of the afternoon's tries. Typically, Jarvis converted from the touchline.

Llanelli were not themselves and could respond only with a penalty goal, whereas Cardiff, now on song, soon fashioned another try. From a scrum. Howley ran to the blind side to cross the line.

From the kick-off after Botica's third penalty goal. Wyatt tried to run, got into trouble and off-loaded the ball to Botica, who attempted to chip ahead. Howley charged it down and regathered to score his second try. Jarvis again converted.

Cardiff now began playing as if they believed that they had done enough to win. They relaxed while Llanelli, sniffing the complacency, began to play as if they believed in themselves once more. In the second half, Moon scored a try, which Botica converted, as well as adding another penalty goal. Jarvis seemed to stop his team's decline with a penalty goal, but the Cardiff defence was caught napping when Nigel Davies ran diagonally to the corner from a tapped penalty. With that score and Botica's conversion, Lianelli came within winning distance.

Then, however, all hope dissipated in the wake of Howley's great and long run. which brought a breathtaking match to its thrilling

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Howey (3), Waller. Conversions: Javis (2) Penalty soels: Javis (4), Lanelli: Tries: Moon, Davies. Conversions: Bohca (2). Penalty poess: Jarn's (4). Liameir. Tress: Moort, Davies. Correctsions: Bobca (2). Peneity goelis: Botica (4). CARDIFF: J Thomes: N Walker, M Hall, L Davies, S Hill: L Jarvis, R Howley: A Lowis, J Humphreys, L Mustoe, J Ringer, K Stewart, D Jones, M Bennett, O Williams. M Bennett replaced by H Taylor (55min): Stewart replaced by H Jones (65). LIANELU: W Proctor, A Richards, N Davies, N Boobyer, G Evenes, F Botica, R Moon: R Jones, R McBryde, S Galle, I Jones, S Ford, M Voyle, H Jenkins, C Wyat, Richards replaced by F Jones (41); Jenkins replaced by P Monts (40); R Jones replaced by H Williams Jones (50); Ford reptaced by V Cooper (54) Referee: C Thomas (Neath).



Howley, the Cardiff scrum half, scores the first of his three tries in the Swalec Cup semi-final yesterday

Swansea do it the hard way

Ebbw Vale.....15

By GERALD DAVIES

PLAYING in a heavy-handed, power-driven style against an Ebbw Vale team that prides itself on its closely-knit defensive organisation. Swansea turned this Swalec Cup semifinal into a tougher ordeal than it might otherwise have Having scored almost 60

points against the same opposition a week earlier, they must have persuaded themselves into expecting a severe backlash and so they played to a limited tactical plan. This was based on safety-first rather than attempting to explore alternatives away from the forceful forays of their back row, which Ebbw Vale managed to contain, and the comfort of the touchline.

ered a good deal of possession. On the rare occasion when they built up momentum, through clever inter-passing, Swansea looked capable of garnering a handsome score, but with Aled Williams, who had been in such prime form with his boot the previous week, missing the target with three early penalty attempts. they failed to create the comfort zone that might have persuaded them to open up.

as the Gwent team must have felt in defeat, they could at least console themselves with the fact that they scored the afternoon's two best tries.

Swift and careful timing of the pass by Hayward and Boys, the incursion of Harries, allied to speed and support work, created two tries in the space of two minutes, with ten minutes remaining. Indeed, had Hayward succeeded with a penalty attempt immediately afterwards, the final few min-

utes might have proved a real

test for Swansea's nerve and Swansea began at a frantic

pace, with onslaught following onslaught on their opponents' line. When a relieving kick from Hayward or Llewellyn allowed their side to pick up the pace, they committed handling errors that Williams and Booth punished, steering Swansea back on the attack. Yet there was a predictability about the drives of Reynolds and Davies, to which both Joneses in the back row and Watkins proved

England juniors win slam in grand finale

third junior grand slam in four years in dramatic style at Narberth on Saturday when their captain and stand-off half, Jonny Wilkinson. dropped a magnificent longrange goal in the last minute of injury time to enable them to beat Wales 18-17.

In four years under the coach, Geoff Wappett, England have lost only one of their 16 five nations' matches, scoring 347 and conceding 159, but victory was never harder earned than on Saturday. The outstanding for-wards were the England pair, Andrew Sheridan at lock and

looking like a season of contin-

uing struggle. Judging by the

crowd yesterday, some of the

supporters have already given

carbon copy of his first as he

burst on to a short ball by

Stevens, a young prop who fulfils the potential that Van de

Velde is seeking. Castleford would have had more than

two penalties by Goddard to show for their faltering first-

ENGLAND claimed their Andrew Beattie at No 8. whose late battling runs paved the way for a try by the centre, Tindall, and the Wilkinson dropped goal.

The Wales hooker, Gareth Williams, was an inspiring captain and, well supported by the No 8, Hughes, he took Wales to the brink of a first victory over England since 1993. Wales broke clear after the teams were level at 7-7 at half-time, but England's driving forward play ultimately sapped their energy.

SCOREAS: Weles 18-Group: Tries: Rog-ers, Cooper, Williams. Convention: Bowen, England 18-Group: Tries: Tindall (2). Convention: Wildinson, Penalty goet: Wi-kinson, Dropped gost: Williamson.

off-key with his kicks, all Swansea had to show for their efforts was a try by Simon Davies. The development of this movement and the slick passing among the backs held a lesson in the way Swansea's tactics ought to have been pursued. They scored again after the interval, when Lee Davies raced out of defence and confused Ebbw Vale for

to the corner. Williams kicked a penalty, Booth dropped a smart goal and Williams, making lapses, intercepted a pass on the halfway line to run clear for a try. That seemed to be it until

Taylor to complete the move-

ment with a long diagonal run

Ebbw Vale responded with fine tries by Harries and Jeffreys, one of which Hayward converted. However. Williams had the last word with his final penalty.

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SCORERS: Swansea: Tries: Smon Davies, Taylor, Williams. Conversion: Williams. Penalty goals: Williams (2). Dropped goal: Booth Elbhw Vale: Tries: Hames, Jeffreys. Conversion: Hayward. SWANSEA: M Back: W Leech, M Taylor, S Globs, Smon Davies, A Williams, A Booth; I Budiett, G. Jenions, S Evans, R Appleyard. S Moore, P Amold, A Reynolds, Stuart Davies, Back replaced by D Thomas (52): Smon Davies replaced by D Thomas (52): Smon Davies replaced by J. Davies (3)-min; Appleyard replaced by D Thomas (52): Smon Davies replaced by J. Davies (7). EBSW VALE: A Harries; I Jellineys, J. Hawler, M Boys, S Manshall; B Hayward, D Llewelhy: A Phillips, S Jones, D Bal, K. Jones, C Balon, J Lulas, B Wathons, M Jones S Jones replaced by A Lamerton (73min).

ve: W D Bevan (Clydech)

Army dig | deep to repel late Navy assault

Royal Navy ..

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

THE profile of Services rugby has diminished substantially in recent years. The defence budget has declined as the budget of leading rugby clubs has escalated, compromising the status of the inter-Services championship which began in stirring fashion at Twickenham on Saturday.

The Army, boasting two internationals, Rob Wainwright and Matt Stewart, and a host of blossoming talent, took on the Navy in a match that provided all the fire and excitement to be expected from any contest between those responsible for the defence of our shores.

The Army were the overwhelming favourites, as usual, but they have not won the tournament since 1990. Here, despite cruising to a 15-0 lead in the first half, they had to dig their trenches deep to withstand the ferocious salvos hurled at them by the Navy in

Three sparkling, but unconverted, tries, one from Stewart and two from Rob Abernethy. were the only spoils the Army took from their effortless dominance of the lineout and greater pace and power in the backs in that opening period. Simon Greening grabbed two penalties just before the break for the Navy, the scrum half, Paul Livingstone, squeezed over for a try in the second half and Greening added another penalty. Ultimately, Paul Knowles's penalty earlier in the half proved decisive. Julian Brammer, the Army

team's captain, who also leads unbeaten Newbury, said: 'Games like this are one-offs and form goes out the window. Nobody gets paid, so you've got to make sure they all enjoy it and the result is a great spirit and great enterainment for the crowd."

tainment for the crowd."

SCORERS: Navy: Try: Livingstone. Conversion: Greening. Penalty goals: Greening (3). Army: Tries: Abeneathy (2). M Stewart Penalty goals: Novikes.

ROYAL NAVY: LPT C Rees (HMS Releigh); LPT R Williams (HMS Releigh); LSes D Steson (JMS St Mawgan), MUSN S Brown (BM Band Pottsmouth); ABM S Geening (HMS Seahawk). Cpf P Livingstone (CTCRM Lympstone); LOM M Bastiow (HMS Sutherland), Mine C Millions (HMS Heron), LWEM S Burns (HMS Nelson), Mine S Lane, RM Stonehouse), POR Millions (HMS Heron).

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Hogg calls sevens shots in Melrose exhibition

By MARK SOUSTER

IT IS ironic that the Melrose Sevens was born out of financial necessity 115 years ago. The club faced potential ruin until Ned Haig, a butcher's apprentice, dreamed up a tournament that was its salvation and is now, without question, the blue riband event in Scotland.

It is even more ironic. however, that the advent of professionalism could conceivably spell its demise. The Melrose Sevens, as with all the -Border tournaments, is being squeezed as never before; its pre-eminent position in the April calendar is being called into question after the launch of the knockout cup in Scotland last season.

So it was almost with a metaphorical two fingers stuck into the air to the rugby authorities that Melrose summoned all their energies and skill to triumph in the 107th tournament, sponsored by Bell's, in front of 18,000 at the Greenyards on Saturday.

In what transpired to be a one-sided final, inspired by Carl Hogg — who won four successive restarts, each of which led to tries in a bewilder ing first live minutes - Melrose beat Cambridge University, who appeared drained by their exertions in defeating Stellenbosch University in the semi-finals.

Despite being the birthplace of sevens, the game itself is not one Melrose have always taken seriously. They were last in the final in 1987, last winners in 1970, but the addition to the side of Mark Moncrieff scorer of three tries in the final - Scott Nichol and Derek Stark, speed merchants as adept at sevens as the 15-man game, has changed their per-

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The match of the tournament was their semi-final victory over Kelso, who have appeared in 14 out of the last 20 finals. Andy Purvis breached the outstanding Kelso defence to score the decisive try in injury time and, in so doing, eradicated the memory of David Campese's matchwinner for Randwick at a similar stage in 1990.

·There was, it seemed, an inevitability about Melrose's smooth progress. Now they stand on the threshold of a domestic grand slam having won the league championship. the Border League and now their own sevens tournament. Only the SRU Tennents 1556 Cup remains.

For Craig Chalmers, success on Saturday ranked with winning the grand slam with Scotland in 1990. "It is fantastic. It means so much to the club, the town and the local community," he said. "It would be a catastrophe if the date was moved. It's all about atmo-

RUGBY LEAGUE: WARRINGTON COACH UNIMPRESSED WITH ROUTINE VICTORY OVER STRUGGLING CASTLEFORD AS BRONCOS SECURE DRAW AT THE DEATH

Wolves lack the bite to punish Castleford

making a nostalgic return to

Castleford — in leaner times

Castleford Tigers8
Warrington Wolves24 By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

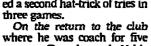
THE abiding impression of Warrington's ultimately straightforward win at Wheldon Road yesterday, their third successive victory in the Stones Super League, was that of two poor teams having an off day. Quality was in short supply, to say the least.

A game as disjointed and messy as this one, in direct contrast to three thrilling matches involving the leading sides two days earlier, will hardly have inspired a disappointing crowd of 3.546 to want to return. Castleford are still without a

coach - a successor to John Joyner is expected to be announced this week - or a point after six matches. It is stretching credibility to imagine that they will be able to pick themselves off the floor and get off the mark away to Leeds Rhinos tomorrow.

Yesterday, they did well to be level at 8-8 with ten minutes remaining, but Warrington finally pieced their act togethed a second hat-trick of tries in

seasons, Darryl van de Velde did not hide the size of the task that he now faces in charge of Warrington, whose performance he called "pathetic". Like many Australian coaches, diplomacy is not a watch-word with him, but Van de Velde speaks as he finds and what he saw underlined the need for urgent improvement.



Vagana: hat-trick

than when he left three years ago -- via South Queensland, Warrington and Wakefield. He eased back into the scrum half position from the bench after half an hour as if he had never been away, inspiring the team's occasional incisive moments in the second half. Whoever inherits the job at Castleford faces an unenviable task, with relegation fears

half efforts if a breakaway by Brisbane triumph

A MAKESHIFT Brisbane Broncos scored a 20-10 victory away to the Adelaide Rams yesterday, their seventh consecutive victory in the Super League competition. Allan Langer, the scrum half, inspired a win that lifted Brisbane four points clear at the top of the standings, scoring a try and helping to set up two others for the Broncos. Ben Kennedy grabbed a hat-trick of tries as Canberra

Raiders returned to form with an impressive 30-20 win at Penrith Panthers. The Aus-

Manly-Warringah are the

tralia captain, Laurie Daley.

as Hunter Mariners stunned Auckland Warriors 18-10.

was outstanding for Canin other Super League

matches. Perth Westerns Reds ground out a 6-4 win at home to North Queensland Cowboys and Piccinelli and Carlaw scored two tries apiece

only unbeaten team in the

Australian Rugby League

competition after six rounds

after winning 18-8 at Parra-

ported, shortly after they had conceded a try begun and ended by Shelford.

A try by Gay from Ford's smart nass was reward for Vagana's third try was a Castleford's persistence at a time when Warrington had lost the plot altogether. Only Forster's saving tackle on Smith then prevented the visitors from falling behind and the defence did well to turn Gay on his back on the line. close calls that inspired their late rally. Piercing drives through

tired tackling by Tatupu and Shelford set up the position from which Sculthorpe sent Vagana over for his second try. His third quickly followed. Henare, coming off his wing, added a fifth in injury time to put an undue gloss on the final outcome.

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Martin is London's pride as last-gasp try salvages point

Halifax Blue Sox24 London Broncos24

BY A CORRESPONDENT

LONDON Broncos carned a valuable draw in their contest at Thrum Hall yesterday, achieved thanks to a try from Tony Martin, 18, scored just two minutes before the final

hooter.

It was a fitting end to an absorbing match - the sort of entertainment that has become the hallmark of the Stones Super League in recent weeks. The result moved the Broncos closer to their chief target, a place among the top four,

However, the game had appeared to be slipping away from London when Halifax stepped up the page and went into the lead for the second time with only ten minutes remaining.

The London defence had stood up to all the powerful Halifax pack could throw at them when one of their own attacks broke down. A tre-

the ball spinning from the London's player's grasp and straight into the hands of the Halifax winger. Damian Munro. He won the sprint for the line and touched down in the corner to give Halifax a four-point lead. London, with their captain,

Matterson, an inspiring leader, hit back and when Barwick Results and tables 39

and Krause combined after a break by Edwards, Martin was on the end of the passing movement to add the final touch. Barwick's conversion attempt from the touchline drifted wide to leave the teams level - a fitting result to an even contest. London had made a bright

start with the opening try from Matterson after three minutes, but their defence was caught off-guard, allowing Pearson to dive in from close range to level the scores after

mendous tackle by Mike nine minutes. Matterson re-Umaga on Steve Rosolen sent stored London's lead with his stored London's lead with his second try, but they were never comfortable against the aggressive Halifax forwards, among whom Wayne Jackson was outstanding.

It was Jackson who gave the home team tresh hope when. with three Broncos players clinging on, he crashed through for a try in the 24th minute.

By half-time, London were back in front with the first of young Martin's two tries, set up for him by Barwick.

It was Halifax's other Jackson - the second-row forward, Michael -- who gave them the lead for the first time after 57 minutes, but London equalised when Bawden received a long pass from Edwards to set up the grandstand finish.

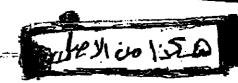
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LONDON BRONCOS: Berwick: Roskell Tolett, Krause. Sman: Edwards, White, Bayden, Beazely, Mestrov, Rosolen, Nable. Matterson. Substitutes: Spencer. Salle. Dunlord, Martin.

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Rees excels as Wasps ake further step to league title

By Barney Spender

BRACE of tries from Kenny ogan, the Scotland wing, and another superb kicking asplay from Gareth Rees ave Wasps a hard-earned in that, coupled with eicester's demise at Bath. hould tee them up to take heir second Courage Clubs hampionship. They are now ive points clear and two wins rom their last three games vill settle it.

If they do win the title, it will be a triumph of pragma-ism over glamour. Wasps were one of the few clubs to steer cautiously through the minefield of the big-name ransfer market when rugby went open, the cheque book coming out instead to secure he bargain services of Chris heasby and Rees, then Rob

lenderson and Logan.
"It's all very well having noney, but it needs to be pent wisely." Lawrence Dallaglio, their captain, said ifter the game. "We need guys with spirit, guys who are young, hungry and ambiious. Spend too much money and you can neglect the development of your younger

Too true, although it is hard to see Wasps being where they are now without the services of Rees. Occasionally, they have played with real flair this season and, at other times, they have had to hang in and fight it out. In both cases, Rees, whose feisty spirit is evident for all to see, has been at the heart. Last week, he kicked a crucial penalty against Bath to salvage a draw and, on Saturday, his steady points-gathering had the effect of settling the nerves as Wasps came under a fierce

Saracens spent heavily in attracting the likes of Philippe Sella, Michael Lynagh — who nissed this game with a hip injury — and Francois Pienaar, but they languish in mid-table and have all but blown their chance of getting into Europe next season. Yet, they held the initiative, which was handed to them by through their dynamic back row. Sadly for them, a few sloppy moments gave it all

Wasps's first try came after 12 minutes when Andy Lee's chip was charged down by Nick Greenstock, who raced the length of the field before off-loading to Logan. The second came from the restart after Diprose had crashed through to cut the deficit to 10-5: a knock-on led to a scrum that concluded with a pushover try for Sheasby.

Despite that, Saracens continued to play the better rugby and just before half-time pulled it back to 17-15 when Diprose set up a flowing movement that took in some superb work from Hill and Richard Wallace. Pienaar was held up just short, but Botterman was on hand to score.

The second half was nota-

ble for some outstanding Wasps defence to deny Saracens further reward. A couple of mighty penalties from Rees and a fine second try from Logan sealed the result SCORERS: Serecens: Tries: Diplose, Somerman Conversion: Lee Penalty goal: Lee Wasps: Tries: Logan (2), Sheasby Conversions: Rees (2). Penalty goals:

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RUGBY UNION: BATH OVERRUN EXHAUSTED OPPONENTS TO SECURE DECISIVE LEAGUE VICTORY

Leicester broken by final demands

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE grisly spectre of a season ending with no tangible reward now looms over Leicester. Defeated in the final of the Heineken Cup in January, their hopes of compensation in the Courage Clubs Championship were rammed into the unforgiving earth of the Recreation Ground on

Saturday.
The title is surely out of sight. Wasps having opened a five-point gap in the first division. Now it is a question of whether weary Leicester can lift themselves for their remaining league fixtures - to ensure qualification for the Heineken Cup next season - and for the Pilkington

Cup final on May 10 against Sale. Leicester were unrecognisable from the team that defeated Wasps only 12 days ago. The demands of this crazy season have given them more high-profile matches than any other club, at a time when the national selectors have also come calling regularly, and they have

TOP THREE

REMAINING FIXTURES: Wasps: April: 20: v Sale (hi), 26: v Northampton (a), May: 3: v Harlequins (a), Leicester: April: 16: v London Insh (a), 19: v Salacians (h); 28: v Harlequins (h), May: 3: v Sale (a), 8ath: April: 19: v Orrell (h); 28: v Sale (h), 30: v Gloucester (h) May: 3: v Saracens (a)

been unable to rest players, fielding those carrying injuries - all under the remorseless spotlight of expec-

Had it not been a crucial game. neither of their centres nor their scrum half would have played on Saturday. Malone withdrew with a stomach ailment an hour before the game, Richards (elbow), Hackney (groin) and Stransky (cheekbone) collected fresh injuries and Bob Dwyer, the Leicester director of rugby, admitted: "I think we have nil chance of winning the league, even if Wasps lose again. Our biggest task s to get ourselves a healthy side by Wednesday and not let thoughts of the cup final get in the way. Finishing in the top four is an absolute must."

Bath, who played with a refreshing elegance and muscular speed, epitomised by Catt and Adebayo. had no sympathy with their rivals, nor would Leicester expect any. Bath better than anvi twin demands of league and cup during their palmiest days as amateurs, while surrendering many of



Thomas, the Bath open-side forward, bursts past Johnson, left, and the remnants of a tired Leicester defence at the Recreation Ground

their best players to England, "You have to have a bit of luck with injuries, but it takes special people," Andy Robinson, their coach, said.

He was only echoing what his predecessors, Jack Rowell and Brian Ashton, have always maintained that the qualities required are as much mental as physical. That is where Leicester are slowing down. They could not cope with the flexibility of Bath's tactics, the accuracy of Catt's passing and the demands on their defence, which, in

the final half-hour, crumbled. Bath have rediscovered the rhythm to their game. Their investment in two Argentina forwards. Mendez and Llanes, is beginning to pay dividends and the hard grounds favour their outstanding brokenfield runners, including the outstanding American, Lyle.

Lyle has become one of the most potent players at the club. Dwyer pinpointed the power with which he hits rucks and mauls to turn over 50-50 ball, but the No 8 is also a ballplayer by nature and has all his countrymen's zest in the tackle. When he scored Bath's fourth try, Lyle was only completing what he had begun, soaring at the lineout where he won two-thirds of Bath's possession - covering ground to the ruck on the far touchline and taking

the ball on the burst to score. Catt and Adebayo, meanwhile, were making a nonsense of their omission from the British Isles tour party. Whatever else he does not have, Catt does have vision, while Adebayo must regretting the concus removed him from the December international with Argentina and gave Tony Underwood the wing position for England that he has not relinquished. If his first try was the result of a kick and chase, his second, from 55 metres, was a quality finish. carrying him past the tackles of Healey and Stransky.

The game turned on Bath's tries either side of half-time. Leicester would have changed ends leading 9-6 on penalties had not Greenwood's pass, two minutes from the interval, gone to ground, leaving de Glanville to kick on and Adebayo to profit. Two minutes after the interval. Leicester knew it was not to be their day. Méndez was awarded a try that television showed was not touched down when the hooker also had a foot in touch.

drained away, leaving only the indomitable Healey and the hardworking Johnson and Back to prop

up their cause. Bath revelled in the sunshine, young Perry as much as any for he scored the last two tries to cap a good day in the still unfamiliar position of full back. By that stage. Leicester, who last week played the club's 4.000th match, against Gloucester, looked as though this XV had played in every one of the

preceding 3,999.

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SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Adebayo (2), Peny (2), Méndez, Lyle Convensions: Cati (2), Callard (2) Penetty goels: Cati (3), Leicester: Penetty goels: Startoly (3)

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replaced by R Underwood (31 man) Liley replaced by R Edwards (58), Greenwood replaced by N Malone (63). Poole replaced by N Riefcher (78), Stransky replaced by W Drzie-Lee (81)
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol)

Sale show no mercy as tired Gloucester run out of gas

Gloucester.....

By a Correspondent

ONE point and one place divided Sale and Gloucester before the match at Heywood

Road on Saturday. It was a statistic that suggested a close encounter of the keen kind. but, in the event in a season that has become a test of endurance, with honours, survival, play-off and Heineken Cup places to be fought over, the West Country side simply ran out of gas.

Herculean efforts, in defeating first Saracens and then, against all the odds. Leicester. had left them exhausted and Sale, well aware of how they felt - they, too, had played three times in eight days earlier in the month - showed them no mercy.

Victory by their most emphatic margin since crushing West Hartlepool 58-18 in September took Sale back above Harlequins to fourth place in the table and, though a Heineken Cup place is still within their reach, their remaining

five games include trips to line - to Gloucester eyes, the Wasps and Bath and a home encounter with Leicester.

"A lot could now depend on how we use our resources." John Mitchell, the Sale coach, said. "We can't field our best side in every game."

Gloucester tried to do exactthat and came a cropper. their worst since the 75-19 pounding their second team took at Harlequins on the first day of the season. Their pack. in particular, suffered a fearful hammering at the hands of an inspired Sale eight in which Vyvyan and Fowler were outstanding. Gloucester fought with ded-

ication and determination. none more than Fidler, Stanley and Greening, but they were on the back foot for 90 per cent of the contest and were repeatedly caught short of numbers in defence. At least they had the satisfaction of scoring twice in the second

Sale's driving mauls were intended to sap Gloucester's strength and did just that. They even forced a penalty try when their opponents collapsed a scrum near their own ultimate ignominy.

Once the forward battle was done, the Sale backs took over. Beim, who was with Gloucester until this season. showed great nace with two second-half tries, taking his total for the season to 16, while Hadley, who had given the visitors' midfield a terrible time, eventually broke clear for another.

It was a clear-headed Mannix, though, who ran the show so well from first to last. In scoring two tries and six conversions, he ended the day with a satisfying 22-point haul.

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Bristol 28 By Christopher Irvine

TAKE two North West clubs, one rolling in new wealth, with the Pilkington Cup final to look forward to and possible European competition, the other broke, on the verge of relegation and with the prospect next season of re-visiting such haunts as Waterloo and Wakefield.

The roles have been re-versed, by which Sale had nothing and Orrell everything by dint of their bloody-minded attitude. Hard work only counts for so much now. Orrell are casualties of the professional era, in which they are regularly pasted and then patronised in the mistaken belief that they somehow enjoy upholding the amateur ethos by staying penniless.

When about 500 pairs of eyes collectively shut - that is as many people as can be mustered at Edge Hall Road nowadays - there was an almost instinctive sense that Matthew McCarthy would

miss the touchline conversion in injury time by which Orrell could have won only a third Courage Clubs Championship match. His scuffed kick harely got airborne. "Typical," some-

Stirring fightback reaps no

reward for hard-up Orrell

one said. As Bristol bore down on the unfortunate McCarthy in the process of his fluffed conversion, their relief was palpable. A third successive league victory guaranteed them, at the worst, the relegation escape route of a play-off place. They led 28-12 at the break, whereupon their dreadful laxity happened to coincide with one of the best 40 minutes of rugby that Orrell have managed all season to almost complete a

magnificent comeback. Once they fixed their defence in the second half, Orrell were a different proposition to the weebegone version beforehand. In between tries by Rees and Hitchmough's first at the beginning and end of the half, Bristol rattled up 25 points. with Burke in especially fine place-kicking form and the typically inspirational Corry plucking an Orrell lineout ball for Bristol's opening try.

A quick, recycled ball gave

Tiueti his first try and a dreadful clearance by Lyon the wing's second, before Orrell responded to the appeal for pride by Sammy Southern. the club's inveterate stalwart and chairman of rugby, who

five days before. There was a momentum to Orrell down the slope, one that Bristol looked incapable of stopping, as McCarthy added a penalty, converted a runaway try by Bennett and lined up the conversion of Hitchmough's try in the third minute of added time. His that Bristol would be wise not to forget.

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Crok: M. Worsley, N. Hiftchen, S. Tumer, A.

had replaced Peter Williams.

BRISTOL: J Lavisy, D Tiueli, F Waters, D Meggs, B Breeze, P Burler, R Jones, D Hinlans, B McComnell, K Fulman, M Comy, P Adams, C Bagle, E Robbi, R Collans, Adams, replaced by D Corkery, (5timan); Lewisey replaced by P Hull (63); (5tims replaced by Molern's Collans and by Molern's C Short (68); Waters replaced by M Denn'sy C Short (68); Waters R Denn'sy C Short (68); Wa

McGeechan taking pleasure in home comforts

Northampton

London İrish.....

By Nicolas Andrews

FRANKLINS GARDENS IS a pleasant place to play rugby. The crowd is usually sizeable. occasionally tuneful and always enthusiastic the pitch and facilities bear comparison with the best in the Courage Clubs Championship.
This is no fortress, however, such as Cardiff Arms Park during the 1970s, Ellis Park when the Springboks have their tails up, or even Kingsholm or Welford Road. Why, then, are Northampton well nigh unbeatable at home

yet so largely inept away? They have won seven out of eight first division matches on their own patch this season They have beaten Bath and Leicester and lost only narrowly to Harlequins. Yet they lost 34-21 to London Irish at Sunbury in September, starting a run of seven consecutive away league defeats.

The mystery deepens further when one remembers that Northampton won in Ireland, Wales, Italy and France in the European Conference. Certainly, Ian McGeechan struggles to explain it.

Last week, after a lacklustre defeat at Bristol, the Northampton director of rugby suggested that it was because his side attempts to play too much rugby away from home. when a tighter percentage game might reap greater reward. On Saturday, however. he thought that the greater pace that his players were able to impose, particularly on the first 25 minutes, was crucial.

"I was very pleased with the first half." McGeechan said. "There was a lot of pressure out there today, but we got back to the sort of pace at which the game should be played. That is what really pleased me."

Northamoton were rewarded with a try in the opening minute. With Paul Grayson still out with a thigh muscle injury and Jonathan Bell damaging a wrist at Bristol. Gregor Townsend moved rom stand-off half to centre and Alistair Hepher donned the No 10 shirt. How well he wore it. The student, 22. scored the first try when he dummied his way through the Irish defence. He converted kicked two penalty goals, then sold a similar dummy before feeding Townsend for the second try.

The Scotland international

then exchanged passes with Thorneveroft to create the third Northampton try for Clarke, which Hepher again converted. After half-time, the Exiles began to mount a more serious challenge. There were tries for Keiron Dawson and Hennessy, but, in between, Hepher kicked two further penalties to keep Northampton far enough ahead.

London Irish must now concentrate on picking up enough points to stay third from bottom and so contest the relegation play-offs. Leicester's wounded Tigers will not make it easy for them

On Westermany.

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Rectmond replaced by N Reliam (65),
Fizpatrick replaced by L Mooney (65), Y
Dawson replaced by C Bird (65)

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Sometimes, they reach the highest level. Marcus and Gee Armytage are outstanding jockeys. In athletics, Carl and Carol Lewis flew the flag for

the United States, while John and Sheila Sherwood both won medals for Great Britain at the 1968 Olympic Games.

Gareth Morgans, 17. and his sister, Emily, 16, have been playing squash vir-tually since they could walk. Now they are team cap-

shire, which last month won both the boys' and girls' competitions in the national schools championships. It is a double that only Millfield had previously achieved.

Gareth is the natural spokesman for the pair. "Having both of us playing the game has definitely helped us. If I lost a bit of interest, Emily would help me out, because, in a few weeks' time, it would be the other way round." he said. "We often go to the gym together and, if there is nobody else, we play each other. In

IT IS of inestimable advantage for a matches, we will give each other advice, because we are usually more relaxed at tournaments than our parents.

It was their parents' example that encouraged the youngsters to start squash at Fitness First in Dallington, near Northampton. "After our parents played, we would pick up the rackets when they had finished and

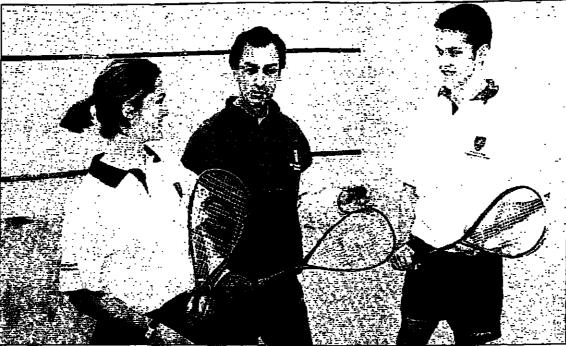
hit the ball about on the dub courts.

Once Mum saw we were interested, she started coming onto the court and once Dad saw we could hit the ball back, he also got interested

Emily said: "We were close when we were young and did everything together. The club was only a

few minutes walk away, so it was so convenient. They are following along the paths of Brett. Rodney and Michelle Martin, the Australia squash internationals, who are also brothers and sister.

The British pair are two of the 16 pupils holding squash bursaries at Wycliffe, the mixed independent school situated on the edge of Stonehouse. The college is so concentrated on winning competitions that the teams even have regular sessions with a sports psychologist. Phil Coley, who accompanied the teams to



Emily Morgans discusses squash training with Jeffrey, the coach, centre, and her brother. Gareth

the finals at Winchester. They needed him. The finals were tight. Wycliffe beat Crownwoods 3-2 in the boys final, with their opponents fielding both John Russell and Adrian Grant, the British Under-19 No I and No 2, while the girls defeated Eccles-

bourne, also by 3-2.
Gareth said: "Tactically, we had decided how to play before the final. but Phil Coley helps us to balance the tension. Some of us got too relaxed

and others were too tense. He helped us just to concentrate on one game

and to control any anxiety." Physically, their day is demanding, with two sessions, one at lunchtime on the three grass-backed courts in the school, and another, for 15 hours, after afternoon lessons.

John Jeffrey, the squash coach and former Great Britain junior international in modern pentathlon, has the squad regularly doing strengthening

and suppling exercises. When he arrived at Wycliffe in 1991, the standard of squash was largely "recreational", although the college had shown its potential by producing

county players.

He said: "Primarily, I look at skill levels. Then, I look to see if they have the personality, if they are likely to be able to concentrate on the game. Finally, whether they are or could be athletic. It is not the same thing."

Darts rebels hit bull's eye with £600,000 TV deal

hen the American musician, Gil Scottclassic protest song. The Revolution will not be Televised. he was not thinking about darts. It is just as well, as BSkyB will this week announce a £600,000 deal to televise the revolution that has

shaken the sport to its core. BSkyB will get exclusive United Kingdom rights over the next three years to televise all the events — including three world championship competitions - organised by the World Darts Council (WDC), the breakaway body created nearly five years ago when the leading 16 players allied with the manufacturers of darts equipment to revitalise what they were con-

cerned was a dying sport. Since the end of 1993, when the WDC created its first alternative world championship, the body has been effectively at war with the British Darts Organisation (BDO) and the World Darts Federation (WDF), the governing bodies of darts. However, with the BSkyB deal, which wipes out the £300,000 losses accumulated by the founders of the WDC, the rebels scent

victory.
In the late-1970s and early-1980s. darts was in a rut, hamstrung by its image of fat men putting down their pint and cigarette to throw a few metal objects at a piece of cork. Within a matter of weeks in 1988, both ITV and BBC cancelled most of their coverage of the sport, leaving just one televised event, the Embassy world championship, on BBC.

in 1990, the BDO asked a public relations company, Craigie Taylor, to look at ways of promoting the game. Craigie Taylor came up with a scheme to clean up the image of darts and sell television rights to what was then Sky.
The BDO said it was not

interested, so Craigie Taylor approached the Darts Council, a trade body of United Kingdom manufacturers exporting darts equipment. The council said it would finance events if it could get television coverage. The turning point



was when Dick Allix, a 1966s pop star, who became the manager of the five-time world champion, Eric Bristow, came on board bringing all the top-ranking

The new World Dars Council was born with ar event in East Anglia in Octo-ber 1992. The WDC player: competed in the world champ-ionship at the end of 1992 and one, John Lowe, won it.

In 1993, BSkyB and the WDC decided to run aralternate world champion: ship, a week before the Em bassy. It was a whole nev game of arrers". The player: were not allowed to drink o: smoke on screen, they wen: given theme tunes and came on stage led by models and shrouded in dry ice.

The BDO banned at: players appearing in WDC events from any open event organised by the BDO or the WDF. The player: have sued for restraint of trade citing both the Tony Greig anc: John Snow case against the Test and County Cricket Board over World Series Cricket ir the 1970s and Article 85 of the Treaty of Rome, which governe trade between Europear Union countries. The case is se to be heard June 23 in the High

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Barry Hearn, the boxing deals for the WDC in the United States, including a pos sible Pro-Am competition ir . Las Vegas. The star amateur is Humperdink, the singer whose famous hit. Please Re lease Me, could be an appropriate anthem, considering the coming the court case.

CURLING

Scots slip in ice quest

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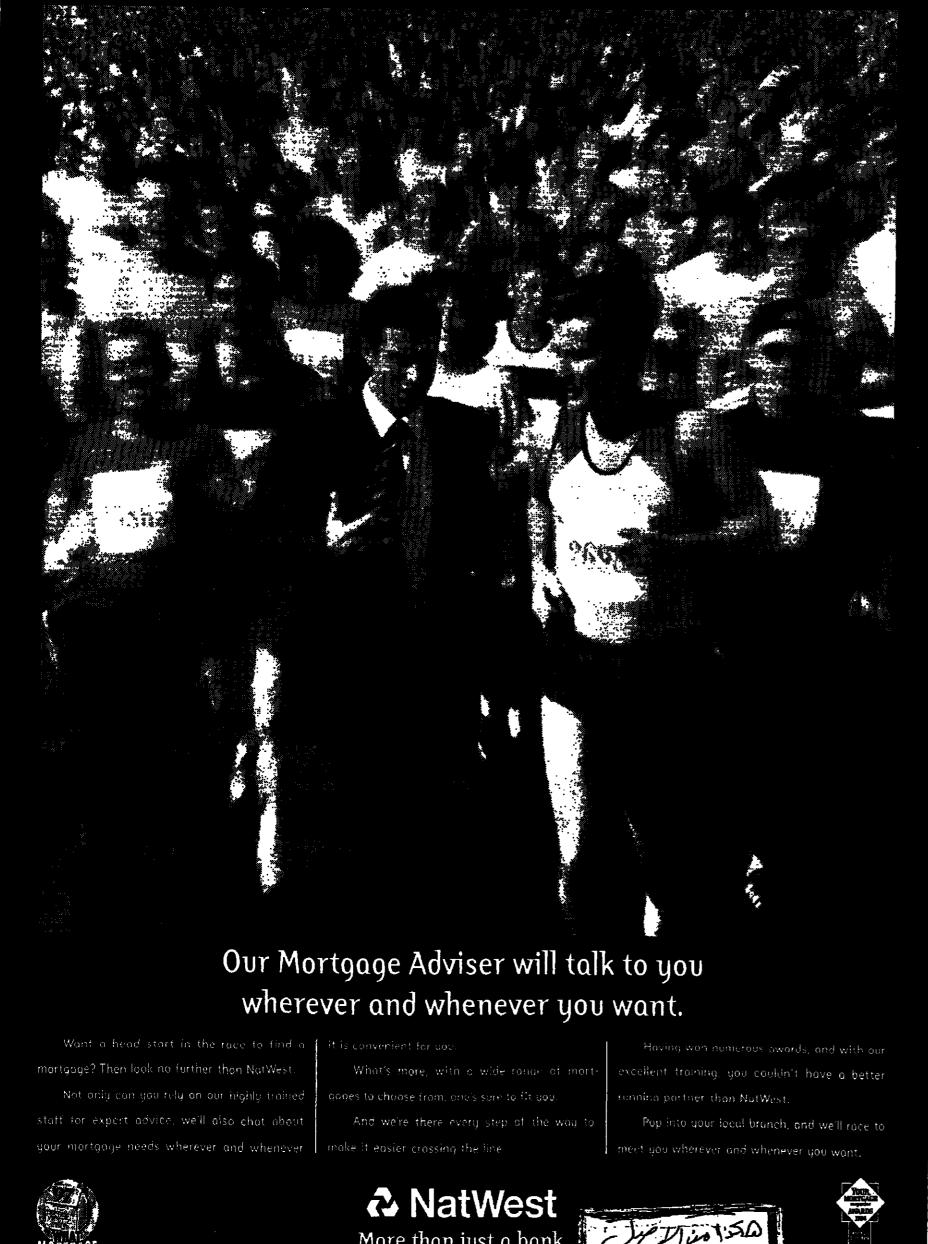
SCOTLAND, the European champions, lost their first match in the round-robin series to Switzerland, but still expect to face Canada, the reigning champions, in the men's final of the world championships at Berne next Sunday (a Correspondent writes). The Scottish quartet of Brian Binnie at lead, Mike Hay -

twice a world championship

silver medal-winner - at sec-

ond, Norman Brown at thire and the flambovant McMillar in control expect nothing less-

than gold. The Scotland women, led by Carolyn Hutchison, also need a medal to maintain their ranking of sixth in the world and so qualify for the winter Olympic Games in Japan, where curling appears as a medal-winning sport for the







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RACING: FAST-GROUND GALLOPS SLOW PROGRESS OF NEWMARKET-TRAINED HORSES

Cecil adds cautionary note to trials

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

A PIVOTAL week to the fledgling Plat season opens at Newmarket tomorrow with local trainers warning that fast ground on the gallops has seriously disrupted preparations for the sequence of classic trials.

Although the racecourse executive at Newmarket has employed a liberal watering policy, trainers have been reluctant to stretch horses at home in the prevailing conditions. Several high-profile horses are reported short of work and the summer gallops

where the ground is traditionally best in dry weather tionauy bear are already in use

Among those expressing concern is Henry Cecil, already obliged to tread cautiously with his string through a combination of ringworm and throat infection. Sleepy-time, the 1,000 Guineas favourite, returned to her faster paces on Saturday, but Cecil said of her impending seasonal debut at Newbury on Friday: "I hope she will run well but she will need the race.

"All my horses are two gallops behind," he continued. Having worked on grass in March, we are now back on the all-weather and I have not let them down at the end of their work. I will have around 17 runners this week and I will be happy with two or three winners. The Warren Place handler suffered a further reverse when he reported that his Derby candidate, High Roller, has been ruled out of the blue riband with a knee

Another horse for whom the Newmarket meeting has come too soon is Indiscreet, thirdfavourite to the 2,000 Guineas. According to Newmarket gallop watchers, Indiscreet failed to impress in his weekend workout and is rated extremely doubtful for tomorrow's NGK Spark Plugs Conditions

Meanwhile, the Mark Tompkins-trained Musical Pursuit is to bypass Thursday's Craven Stakes and make straight for the 2,000 Guineas. Two interesting Craven runners are Cape Cross and Monza, the latter a

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: KINGDOM PEARL (2.50 Musselburgh) Next best: Able Sheriff (3.20 Musselburgh)

stable companion of the champion two-year-old, Revoque, at Peter Chapple-Hyam's stable. "Monza will improve for the run, but he is quite forward in condition," Chapple-Hyam said. "He deserves his chance and is a decent horse in his own right." The highly-rated Romanov, a winner on his debut at Haydock last month.

Conditions Stakes at Sandown later this month. Of Revoque, scheduled to reappear in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday, the trainer said: "I expect him to improve considerably for it. He does very little at

is to be saved for the Tudor

home and he just struggled to win his maiden last season before improving 6lb on his next start. Having said that, I wouldn't be taking him to the races unless I thought he was nearly there. The ground won't be a problem; he works best when it is fast at home."

Opposing Monza in the Craven will be Cape Cross, who caught the eye when successful on his Doncaster debut in September. "He is a big, gross horse who will come on a lot for the run," his trainer, John Gosden, said yesterday. Like Cecil, Gosden has been set back by the prevailing fast ground at Newmarket.

"It is a nightmare trying to get a proper foundation into horses in this dry spell," Gosden said. "Training horses on the all-weather is a very different ball-game to the traditional way. I will have a handful of runners at New-market and a few more at Newbury, but there is no point in forcing things. We just have to accept it."

The Gosden-trained Benny The Dip, another Craven entry, is more likely to wait for the Classic Trial at Sandown later this month.

Pat Eddery, who injured his back riding Eleventh Duke at Nottingham on Friday, undergoes treatment this morning in the hope of riding at Newmarket tomorrow. "Pat is to see a chiropractor but he is not bright at the moment," Eddery's agent, Terry Ellis, said yesterday. "I cannot be



Trainglot signs off his career with a comfortable victory at Ascot on Saturday

Double blow for Curling

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

POLLY CURLING, concussed after a heavy fall at the Ludlow meeting on Saturday, has been stood down for three

The former women's champion was unconscious for three minutes after parting company from Tim Forster's maiden Expresso Drummer and, while a brain scan at Telford Hospital revealed no serious damage, she will be sidelined until May 3.

Shirley Vickery's double at the West Somerset was a further blow to Curling - the two now share the lead in the

Curling had travelled from her Somerset home to ride two for Forster but was on her way to hospital when Candy Thomas deputised on the

BICESTER WITH WHADDON CHASE (Kingstor Blount): Persesus Hunt: 1, Running Frau (Miss M Malner, 11-10 law); 2, Tompet: 3, Celtic Caber, 4 rain Hunt: 1, Cawtwell Dean (R Sweeting, Evens law), 2, Spamowa: 3, Cool Rescal, 4 rain, Configned: 1, Valibus (P Soulier, 6-1); 2, Kitas Harchwicke: 3, Mountamous Valley, 10 rain, Men's Open: 1, Tom Futze (M Battles; 5-2), 2, Perlet: 3, Lotly Deed, 4 rain, Ladies: 1, Grean Archer (Mas T Hal, 9-2); 2, Finally Fortazza: 3, Loty 5 rive. 7 rain, Inter: 1, July Schoon (T Underwood, 3-1); 2, Syöllishee; 3, Apple Nedung 7 rain, Midn.; 1, Uption Lass; 1, Lay, 6-1); 2, Bet A Lot; 3, Connie Foley 11 rain.

BRAES OF DERWENT (Tranwell): Hunt: 1, Will Travel (C Bermelt, 1-2 law); 2, Buckaner Bay; only 2 Insisted 3 rain, Inter: 1, Stater Seven (Miss: D Laidlaw); in alone Men's Open: 1, Tarian Tompado (P Johnson, 3-1); 2, Mussic Box; 3, Yendora, 5 rain, Ladies: 1, Saster Seven (Miss: D Laidlaw); 5 rain Rest: 1, Master Crocker (P Comforth, 3-1); 2, Sumply in Smart; 3, The Caffler, 6 rain Open Midn: 1, Newborano (Carmicteal, 7-11, 2, Fast Fur: 3, Connor The Second 8 rain, Open Midn: 1, Newborano (Carmicteal, 7-11, 2, Fast Fur: 3, Connor The Second 8 rain, Open Midn: 1, Newborano (Carmicteal, 7-11, 2, Fast Fur: 3, Connor The Second 8 rain, Open Midn: 1, Newborano (Carmicteal, 7-11, 2, Fast Fur: 3, Connor The Second 8 rain, Open Midn: 1, Dirininamore; 3, Tartan Buck, 8 rain

Chest: 1, Bubble N Squeek (C Barlow, 5-2, 2, Prory Piper: 3, Shersman, 8 rain, 1997; 2, Side Brace, only 2 tin, 3 rain, Confined: 1, Ris Fellow (Mix C Ford, 1-2 law), 2, Milany Player; 3, Litrason IV, 4 rain Open Midn: 1, Payle Burchin (F-7yo); 1, Nizard (C Stockton, 12-1); 2, Builder Boy; 3, Educate Me, 10 rain, Ladies, 1, Touch N Plass (Miss P Jones, 4-7 tay); 2, Gold Dwer: 3, Polish Ruder 7 rain, Ladies, 1, Touch N Plass (Miss P Jones, 4-7 tay); 2, Gold Dwer: 3, Polish Ruder 7 rain, Ladies, 1, Touch N Plass (Miss P Jones, 4-7 tay); 2, Gold Dwer: 3, Polish Ruder 7 rain, Ladies, 1, Touch N Plass (Miss P Jones, 4-7 tay); 2,

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3.10 (2m hdie) 1, Trainglot (R Durwoody, 1.2 fair); 2, Pleasureland (?-1); 3, Sasswer (16-1), 5 ran 44 nk. J Fitzgerald, Tote: \$1.50. £1.20, £1.60 DF: £2.80, CSF- £4.34

2.40 (2m 3f 100) of the 1, Greenback (N Willemson, 11-4), 2, Garman (13-8 tay), 3, 2.53 Puce (8-1), 4 ran, 5n hd, 23, P Hobbs, Totar £3.30 (DF: £2.50), CSF: £5.60

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odds-on favourite, Slaney Food, in the ladies' open. The pair looked held by the Alison Dare-ridden Split Second when falling at the penultimate fence, and a broken fetlock spelled a sad end for Forster's horse.

This unfortunate episode tarnished an otherwise exceptional day, when the mix of sunshine and competitive racing on watered ground summed up the sport's finer qualities.

Julian Pritchard, at the head of affairs in the men's championship, failed to add to his with Bagalino, who was caught by the reliable Shoon Wind in the men's open, part of a double for Shifnal's Andrew Dalton.

Men's Open: 1. Kingfisher Bay (J Price, 50-1); 2. Jack Sound; 3. Sun Of Chance 10 ran Rest: 1, Hollow Sound (J Jules, 6-4 fay); 2. Everso lish; 3. Who's Your Man. 11 can Maiden (5-7yo) I: 1, Lenne The Lon (J Pres, 33-1); 2. Redoran; 3, Cefn Woodsman, 11 ran Main, 5-7yo) II: 1, Teisahashi (E Williams, 5-2 Co fay); 2, Hill Lady; orly 2 fin 10 ran. Moth (5-7y+1, Plucky Purise (P Williams, 3-1); 2, Allion; 3, Boddington Hill, 10 ran.

10 ran. Midn (Byto+): 1. Pludky Puriter (P. Williams, 3-1); 2. Allion; 3, Boddington Hill. 10 ran.
HEYTHROP (Heythrop): Hunt: 1. The Country Trader (J. Borradale, 13-2); 2. Tranquil Lord: 3. Colonel Fairlau. 5 ran Inter: 1. Count Bellos (P. Home, 4-9 fav); 2. Klirose Lad; 3, Horcum. 3 ran. Open. 1. Kettles (A Phillips, 2-1 tan); 2. Cranville Gnit; 3, Scarte Berry 7 ran. Ladies: 1. Malong Time (Miss. Hebogood): finished alone Confined: 1. Severin Invader (Miss. H. Goeling, 1-6 lav); 2. Granville Gnit; 3, Scarte Geny, 7 ran. Ladies: 1. Malong Time (Miss. T. Tan. Open. Midn. (Dn); 1. Samon Poutcher (J Trice-Rolph, 1-2 lav); 2. What-A-Brave Puri 2 ran. Open Midn. 11. Fraction (J. Martin, 4-5 Jr. lav); 2. The Chalman 2 ran. Lupic.ow (Biberley): Hunt: 1, Beyond The Stars (M. Branel); 44-1); 2. Ladieyche Gate; 3. Stylish Gent 6 ran. Confined: 1. Gimnley Gale (A. Philips, 10-11 tav), 2. Jusi Marmalade; 3. Chambosuno: 14 ran. Open. 1, Shoot Wind (A Dation, 7-2); 2. Bagelino; 3. Concew 12 ran. Open Midn. (5-7yo); 1. 1. Hootsman (T. Stephenson, 20-1); 2. Sur. Setting: 3. Concew 12 ran. Open Midn. (5-7yo); 1. 1. Hootsman (T. Stephenson, 20-1); 2. Sur. Setting: 3. Concew 12 ran. Open Midn. (5-7yo); 1. 1. Hootsman (T. Stephenson, 20-1); 2. Sur. Setting: 3. Concew 12 ran. Open Midn. (6yo+); 1. Mr Wilbur (A Dathon, 7-2); 2. Ora Pronoble; 3. Crestwood Late; 13 ran. Open Midn. (8yo+); 1. Mr Wilbur (A Dathon, 7-2); 2. Ora Pronoble; 3. Crestwood Late; 13 ran. Open Midn. (8yo+); 1. Mr Wilbur, (A Dathon, 7-2); 2. Ora Pronoble; 3. Crestwood Late; 13 ran. Open Midn. (8yo+); 1. Mr Wilbur, (A Dathon, 7-2); 2. Ora Pronoble; 3. Crestwood Late; 13 ran. Open Midn. (8yo+); 1. Mr Wilbur, (A Dathon, 7-2); 2. Ora Pronoble; 3. Crestwood Late; 13 ran. Open Midn. (8yo+); 1. Mr Wilbur, (A Dathon, 7-2); 2. Ora Pronoble; 3. Crestwood Late; 13 ran. Open Midn. (8yo+); 1. Mr Wilbur, (A Dathon, 7-2); 2. Ora Pronoble; 3. Crestwood Late; 13 ran. Open Midn. (8yo+); 1. Mr Wilbur, (A Dathon, 7-2); 2. Ora Pronoble; 3. Crestwood Late; 13 ran. Open Midn. (8yo+);

Mark Rimell, who was in excellent form. He opened with a 16-1 winner in the members' and proceeded to land a treble. The former jockey Geoff Evans, 31, who this year joined Mike Trickey on Forster's roster of point-topoint trainers, saddled the second and third leg of Rimell's treble, Lancastrian

Jet and Emerald Charm. The six-year-old Lancastrian Jet, bought by Forster at the John Edwards dispersal sale, is a quality youngster who will be trained by his owner one

the queue of riders challeng-ing Pritchard. His four winners at the Tetcott took his tally to 14 for the season, three behind the leader on Saturday The man to beat, though, is evening. POINT TO POINT RESULTS

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Carl Evans: 3,30 Mister Horatio. GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

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2.00 NORFOLK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,963: 2m) (11 runners)

2.30 DALY NOVICES CHASE

9-4 No Fidding, 3-1 Chorus Leve, 7-2 Stezey, 6-1 Count Barachors, 12-1 Bali Tender, 14-1 others.

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PUCKERIDGE (Horseheath) Hunt 1. Selmon Mead (S Sporborg), fin alone Open Mchr 1. Lucky Vierma (M Barnard, 4-5 Ji tay); fin alone, 2 ran. Confined: 1. Cockstown Lad (D Featherstone, 1-4 fav); 2. Sarazar, only 2 fin. 3 ran Lades 1. Courterfold (Mrs. F Neecham, 6-4), 2. Kumada; 3. Major Inquiry 3 ran. Men's Open 1. Over The Edge (S Sporborg, 1-5 tay); 2. Cardinal Red. 2 ran. Inter. 1. Salman Mead (S Sporborg, 7-4); 2. Courer's Way, only 2 fin. 3 ran. Rest: 1. Current Atuaction (Mass K Thory, 4-7 tay); 2. Tramerchion, 2 ran. 3.00 HARRY BISSILL MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap chase: £4,078: 2m 4(110yd) (11)

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| 307 DP73 PARY PARK 14 (F.G.) N DOWN 13-10-4... G Soptie (5) 90
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3.30 JACK RUSSELL NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,084; 3m 110yd) (12)

9-4 Greenmoury Lad, 7-2 Not My Line, 5-1 The Point is, General Boso, 7-1 Mister Horatio, 8-1 Wolver's Pet, 10-1 others 4.00 BLACK AND TAN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,679; 2m 41 110yd) (14)

3-1 The Bug. 4-1 Forbidden Waters, 5-1 H Only, 7-1 Bet Witshure, The Eens, 8-) Red Osssis, 10-1 Honest George, 12-1 others

4.30 FOX SELLING HURDLE

601 1- BODANTREE B23 (F) N Babbage 6-11-6... N Williamson 75
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603 16-4 SALMAN 31 (D.F.G.) Ms v Wast (1)-11-6 Mr R Thorston (3) 86
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1 60P0 DAILY SPORT GIFE 12 (D.F.G.S.) B Develop 8-11-10 3-1 Sanon Margic, 7-2 Mr. Leuterione, 4-1 Jendoncel, 5-1 Stylich Rose, 7-1 Miller: Goldengin, 8-1 Darly Sport Gell, 10-1 Calion Lady, 12-1 others.

☐ Cool Edge, trained by Mark Tompkins and ridden by Nigel Day, landed the group three Gladness Stakes at the Curragh on Saturday.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER 2.10 Speaker's House, 2.40 Eastcliffe, 3.10 Shawwell, 3.40 Glenugie, 4.10 Secret Bay, 4.40 Satpura. Carl Evans: 4.10 Secret Bay.

2.10 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICES CHASE (£3,207: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

5.4 Speaker's House, 4-1 Gane Ashare, 5-1 All Clear, 8-1 Jonness, 18-1 Fair Ally, 14-1 Mesometia, 16-1 others

2,40 BUCHANAN ALES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,858: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

9-4 East-Alte, 3-1 Pages Chaile, 5-1 Rass A Dollar, 6-1 Posted Abrest, 8-1 Kings Ministral, 12-1 Alberby, 14-1 others.

3.10 LCL PILS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,084: 2m 4i 110yd) (4)

4-6 Hudson Bay Trader, 5-2 Strawnell, 6-1 Bishoptiale, 7-1 Arishodomic.

3.40 LCL LAGER HANDICAP HURDLE

4-5 Steraggie, 7-2 Highland Yray, 4-1 Enny, 10-1 Apollo's Daughter, 25-1 Sou of Tempo

4.10 CHEVY CHASE MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,059; 3m 1l) (5)

4-5 Secrel Bay. 11-4 Up For Randome, 7-1 Cool Yule, 8-1 Part Doll., 12-1 All Co

4.40 KEDGHANS MAIDER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,487: 2m) (9)

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DUNKELLE M Bymes 4-10-9 S Taylor (5)
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANETS: S Kestewell, 4 winners from 7 corners, 57 1%, 1.J Daves, 4 from 13, 30.8%, B Disson, 6 from 28, 21.4%, J Goodefrog, 3 from 15, 20.0%; P Beautroot, 10 from 51, 19.6%, 6 Moore, 12 from 64, 18.8%; H Johnson, 14 from 65, 16.5% JOCKEYS: N Bentley, 12 womers from 46 rides, 26,1%; A Dobbin, 24 from 105, 22,9%; T Rend, 19 from 105, 18,1%; G Canill, 11 from 64, 17,2%; L Myer, 6 from 35, 17,1%; J H Barke, 5 from 38, 13,2%.

Blinkered first time

HEXHAM: 3.10 Anstodernus SOUTHWELL: 2.00 Madam Rose, 3.30 Gonalston Percy 4 30 Fontanays, Laura Lye.

MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

2.20 Heavenly Abstone 3.50 Music Express 2.50 Kingdom Pearl 4.20 Funky 4.50 Here Comes Herbie 3.20 ABLE SHERIFF (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent, 3.50 KROSNO (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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2.20 BELFRY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,600: 5f) (5 runners)

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FORM FOCUS

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2.50 PINKIE PILLARS HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,856: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

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3.20 FORTH FM TOLBOOTH LIMITED STAKES (£2,583; 5f) (6 runners)

BETTING: 7-1 Able Sterrit, 9-4 Marolo, 5-1 Leading Princess, 6-1 Sterlow Juny, 8-1 Johanno, Sunday Mail Too. 1996; GARMOCK VALLEY 6-9-4 R Cochane (3-1 fav) J Berry 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABLE SHERRIT 88 9th of 14 to Ammon in handscap at Newmorathe (51, good). JOHAYRO 138 6th of 13 to Chemicast in handscap one course and declared (54, good to firm).

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1 (3) 5052 KROSNO 18 (Cherry Pickers) S Williams 9-0
2 (5) 080000- PRESENTIMENT 175 (Auchor Racing) M Ware 9-0
3 (6) 00604-5 WHY O SIX 12 (Rethies) R Fahrey 9-0
4 (4) 006-4 MLRRAY GREY 12 (Mrs A Bullett) E Nitymes 8-11
5 (7) 8655-5 MLRACON WALLACE 12 (BF) (H O Dooned) 9 White BETTING: 7-4 Krosno, 7-2 Presentament. 5-1 Munay Grey, 6-1 Why O So., 7-1 Murron Waltace, Major Express 1996, CLASSIC DEFENCE 8-9 M Henry (9-4 tax) J Hills 8 ran

KROSNO 341 2nd of 5 to Polarize in maiden handi-cap over course, and distance (solit, PRESSITT) MENT 1541 2nd of 7 to Cagus Sunzel in nursery at Familian (1m 55yd, good to Solit) on penultimale start WHY O SKI 4th of 11 to Style Dancer in nursery at Redica (61, good to Imm) on penultimale start. BUJRRAY GREY 51/4 4th of 6 to 1 m Still Here

an handisap at Hamboo (61, suth) with WHY O SDX (21b better off) 144 last MURRKON WALLACE 121 5th of 7 to Rock Island Line in seller at Hamalton (1m 65yd, sub), MUSIC EXPRESS 934 6th of 14 to Saffy Green in maiden auction at Southwelf (AW,

4.20 ESKMILL SELLING HANDICAP

(£2,360: 1m) (14 runners) (22,360: 1m) (14 Juniners)

1 (10) 2006-32 SCATHEBURY 4 (C.F.G) (N Stricts) K Burke 4-10-0 ... K Fallon (2) (11) 2006-32 SCATHEBURY 4 (C.F.G) (N Stricts) K Burke 4-10-0 ... K Fallon (3) (2) 00-05-00 (KASS ALHAWA 18 JJ Wilcor) D Crepman 4-9-10. ... A Cultione (4) (7) 020400- OFFICE HOURS 801 (8) (0 Solies) W 6 M Tomes 5-8-6 ... T Sprake (5) (14) 00-04-06 (Robert 16 V) L Printer P Moneyard 4-9-5 ... J Branchill (5) (6) 02026-0 DIET 18 (V.C.F.G.S) Miles L Perratt Mess L Perratt 11-9-3 ... J Westver (7) 111 00-05-00 MAPOLEON'S RETURN 14 (D.F) (L Wilson) J Syre 4-8-13. T Wilson's (6) 00-05-00 MAPOLEON'S RETURN 14 (D.F) (L Wilson) J Syre 4-8-13. T Wilson's (7) (13) 00-05-00 WESTERN WENTLER 10 (P) (W Gaharin JR McKeller 4-8-11 ... J Carroll (13) 2036-00 BOLD HABIT S (D.F.G) (J Perror) J Pearres 12-9-10 ... C Trague (3) 1 (9) 331000- RAGTIME COWGEN L ISB (C.F.I) (6) Column (D Medan 4-9-10 ... M Varley (14) (6) 0200-00 FLMKY 18 (V Gresses) D Michals 4-8-10 ... Iona Wands (7) (6) 2000-02 EEDAZZLE 6 (CD.G.) (Martispate Lodge) M Britisla 6-8-7 ... D Memagh (7)

1996; DIET 10-9-6 N Connection (8-1) Miss L Pertail 14 am FORM FOCUS

SCATHEBURTY MI 2nd of 16 is Summarrille Wood in apprendice handleap at Folkestone (61, good to farm) MASS ALWARIA 504/19th of 13 to Abstone Duesn in sellar at Catlenck 77, good). MAVE 101 of 11 to Ally Beveled in apprendice marten handleap over course and distance (soff) with RATTLE (18) better off). 21 9th, WEST-ERN VERTURE (30) better off) 87 15th and DIET (18) better off) 87

4.50 FORTH FM MUSSELBURGH SPRING HANDICAP (£3,012: 2m) (9 runners)

Long handkap: King OI The Horse 7-4 BETTRIES 4-5 Here Comes Herbre, 5-1 Loud Advocale, 8-1 Imperior Bud, Breydon, Tancred Mischiet, 18-1 Anchorma, 12-1 others.

1996; TIMKLERS FOLLY 4-8-6 L Chambook (9-1) D Smith 12 rap FORM FOCUS

HERE COMES HERBIE 1141 2nd on 14 to Globe
Runtuer in handicap at Hamilton (1m 41, sol).
Pervocatly beat Golden Hadeer 211 in 15-names
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good to firm) on penultimate start TTYFRAM 201
(95) better oil) 24 1 2n. MAPERRAL BID 21/1 3rd oil
Selection: HERE COMES HERBIE COURSE SPECIALISTS

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☐ The Godolphin-owned Annus Mirabilis finished third in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup over 14 miles at Sha Tin yesterday. Frankie Dettori's mount was beaten 2 length and the same by the South African challenger, London News, and the hometrained Privilege in the group one race.

NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS

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RACELÎNE

2, Lumiga Gilter (25-1); 3, Capo Castanum (8-1) 14 ran 5t 9t D Robinson, Tote 23-80; 51-60, 55-40, 63-80 DF 688-30. Tho 2734-90 CSF 577-35. 1.734 50 Car 1.735. S.35 (2m 1.10yd hdle) 1, John Orumin (J Osborne, 9-2); 2, Fairly Sharp (5-2); 3, Super Rapier (20-1), Fasil 13-8 fav 7 ran. 21-8, 3-8; P Webber Tote C5 00, C2 80, E1.50, DF- 25.50, CSF- E14 16

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Placeport 192.30. Quadport 115.50.

Warwick 1.50 1, Rising Of The Moon (8-11 lav), 2. Selamence (6-4); 3, Mai Tai (33-1); 7 ran. 2.25 1, Mangus (15-2), 2, Sune Factors (6-1); 3, Implish (14-1) Anokato 9-2 (1-lav 12

1): 3. Impish (14-1) Arthread S-y Jean.
12. 200 1. Star Talent (2-1 tav); 2. Clued Up (10-1); 3. King Afreksian (14-1). 14 ran.
13.30 1. Strathmore Clear (7-2 J-Irlav); 2. Bolin feny (15-2). 3. Cosmic Prince (8-1).
12. Zama 7-2 J-Irlav 12 ran NB What Hoppened Was
14.00 1. Bowichille Court (9-2); 2. Embryonic (100-30 J-Irlav); 3. Etterby Park. (100-30 J-Irlav) 7 ran
14.35 1. Darb Alola (2-9 Jav); 2. Capitain Sinbad (100-1), 3. Hen Dancer (6-1). 6 ran.
15.05 1. Angel Face (13-2); 2. Vola Va (5-1).
13. Pay Homage (14-1). Kedwick, 3-1 fav. 12 ran.

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2.10 1, Safecracker (8-1); 2, Bath knight (9-4), 3, Report Lines (20-1) Mellow Master 4-6 tav 6-8n

2.45 1, The Whote Hog (4-11 fav); 2, Dunfir (7-1) 4 ran.

3.15 1, Burlington Sam (11-10 tav); 2, Dissolve (11-8); 3, Allahrakha (9-2) 3 ran NR; Miss Mangoldt

3.45 1, Polden Pride (4-5 fav); 2, Fertwick (9-1); 3, Doualago (9-4) 5 ran 4.15 1, Hay Dance (7-4), 2, Finght in Side (5-4 fav); 3, Cut Ranlong (5-1) 5 ran

4.45 1, Evening Rain (8-1), 2, Toomuch Toosoon (9-2): 3, Mistress Rose (5-1). Sprining Steel 5-2 fav 8 ran. NR: Super Sharp. 5.15 7, Filecot (5-2); 2, Country Kris (2-1 fav); 3, Brother Nero (7-2) 5 ran. Sedgefield

1.45 1. Sharp Command (9-4 tav). 2. Calch The Pigeon (9-1); 3. Caught Al Last (7-2), 16 tan (1-2), 10 lean 2.15 1, Grouse N-Heather (10-11 (av); 2, Uk Hyglene (4-1); 3, Rebel Fing (4-1), 4 2.50 1, Meedow Hymn (3-1 jt-tav), 2. Stylish Interval (14-1); 3, Brambles Way (3-Stylish interval (14-1): 3, Brambles Way (3-1)-1-by) 10 ran 3.25 1, Kings Lane (12-1); 2, Troodos (7-2) [av]: 3, Bioming Spring (20-1): 14 ran 3.55 1, Act The Wag (5-1); 2, Roys Savon (8-1); 3, Westwell Boy (7-2): Lucky Dollar 11-8 tax 10 ran 4.25 1, Little Martina (4-7 tax); 2, Another Vestion (2.1): 3, Text (4-7 tax); 2, Another

4.55 1, Just Mig (20-1); 2, Landler (9-2), 3, Going Primaine (5-1), Polsr King 6-4 lav 14 Wolverhampton 7.00 1, Brænd New Dance (7-4 (r-fav) 2, Potyphon; (7-2); 3, Masman (25-1), Mountaineer 7-4 (r-fav, 7-ran 1), 2, Perfect Brave (6-1), 3, Hannah's Usner (11-8 tav) 8

7an 3.00 1, La Menorquina (5-1 #4an); 2. Ouban Nights (25-1); 3, Kalamata (5-1 #4an); Colendge 5-1 #-fax 13 ran 8.30 1, Half's Pel (9-4 fax) 2, New Century 15-1); 3, Eriechial (7-2) 17 rat 9.00 1 Mirror Four Sport (7-2); 2, Baby Jane (3-1 lav); 3, Sporthucks (5-2); 8 ran 9.30 1, Barrack Yard (6-1); 2, Wayport (5-2 fax); 3, Nineacres (6-1); 11 ran NiR Mit Speaker

[22,858: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1 PPOR KINGS BINKSTRAL 27 (ED.G) D Lamb 7-11-6 ... A Dobbin

3 5400 DONT FORSET CURTIS 10 Mrs K Lamb 5-11-0 Miss S Lamb (7)

4 4334 EASTCLIFFT 7 W McRown 5-11-0 ... K Johnson

6 FPY MARGOTTS BOY 821 D McCore 6-11-0 ... K Johnson

6 FD33 PAPPA CHAPLE 21 C Parker 6-11-0 ... K Johnson

7 0-0 POSTED ABROAD 115 H Johnson 5-11-0 ... S Taylor (5)

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Cricket week for all clubs

w people imparted their love of sport more successfully than the late Brian Johnston. Through his long career as a radio commentato on Test Match Special, "Johnners" transmitted, with infectious humour, his passion for cricket and it is entirely fitting that his name should now be associated with a project fostering the game at the grassroots.

The National Johnners Cricket Week is in its second year. It will be staged all over the country from June 21 to 29, any cricket team can take part, and if a club would prefer to stage its Week at another time of the summer, it can. The aim is to generate local interest in the game, particularly at youth level, to raise money for the clubs and the Brian Johnston Memorial Trust - and to

The money the charitable trust receives is distributed to worthy cricketing causes -Brian Johnston Awards and Scholarships" — so that, one way or another, all the funds raised are used to nourish the

In its inaugural season, more than 600 clubs took part in the Johnners Week. About three-quarters were village teams and the rest came from schools and local community sides. It is expected that many more clubs will take part in this year's event, which coincides with what would have been Brian's 85th birthday on

June 24. "The Week extends over two weekends and the idea is that participating clubs should use existing fixtures — a Saturday afternoon or evening match. or a youth game - as the focus for their efforts," Michael Elmitt, the chief executive of the Trust, says. "We are not trying to impose new fixtures on clubs, although if they want to stage a special Brian Johnston Memorial match all well and good. But they could pick out an existing fixture as a 'Johnners' game and make it a

The idea is to help to raise the profile of the game in the aware that there is a cricket club in their area and that it is fun to play and watch. It should also be possible to make a cricket match a day all about encouraging grass-



Michael Elmitt framed by a giant picture of Johnners

roots cricket and enticing the public to attend.

"The Trust encourages and helps the participating clubs to raise funds and so help themselves. We have 33 tried-andtested ideas for fundraising: anything from Brian Johnston cake stalls to teddy bears' picnics for children - and the Trust also runs a national

"Half the money raised goes directly to the clubs themselves and half to the Trust, which puts it back into the clubs that need it most. The Trust committee meets regu-

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larly to decide where the money should go and clubs

apply to us all the time. "Often it takes the form of equipment for youth teams. The clubs order the equipment from Gunn & Moore and we pay for it. We are particularly keen to foster youth teams." which came from many parts of England and Wales, raised anything from £50 to £1,000 for the Trust, which will offer help to those taking part in out for the family. The Week is arranging local media coverage for their events.

During a career with the BBC that spanned 48 years, Johnston, who died in January 1994, became arguably the most distinctive voice in British broadcasting, as commentator for royal weddings and state occasions, as well as the long-serving presenter of Down Your Way.

But it was for his jovial contributions to Test Match Special that he will be best

His local club, Swanage, of which he was vice-president at his death, played a full part in the first National Johnners Week last year, when it was staged late in May, to take advantage of the Bank holiday

The club organised an eighta-side competition for local organisations such as the British Legion during the day and in the evening put on a "race

The competition we put on was for non-cricketers only." Peter Constable, the Swanage secretary, says. "Everyone who played stayed on for the evening and thoroughly enjoyed the whole day. Brian as well-known in the area and people thought it a chari-

table and worthwhile cause. We have registered again this year and are going to do something, but what form it will take we are not yet sure. We are in the process of building a new pavilion so all our efforts are going into that does not involve a Bank holiday this year, and we play league matches on Saturdays and Sundays, I think we will have to do something in the

evening." Brian's son, lan, was among



Swanage. Pauline, Brian's attended events elsewhere.

One of the main functions of the Trust, which hopes to announce a national sponsor in the near future, is to award scholarships to talented young cricketers who have financial need. The first recipient last year was Andrew McGarry, aged 14, a promising player from Essex.

The Trust also seeks to help sport for blind and disabled people and many different found of raising money. Brian's cricket library and memorabilia was auctioned at Phillips' saleroom in Bond Street last year and raised nearly £20,000.

The Trust was launched in May 1995, after many people

was inspired by a conversation between Pauline and Dennis Silk, then chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board. Both agreed that something should be established by which he could be remembered and that it ought to be something of practical benefit to the game. Neil Durden-Smith, an old family friend, was then asked to become

chairman of the Trust. - The first prize in this year's raffle competition is a week's holiday for two in Barbados in March 1998, courtesy of Ele- the Trust is organising.

coincides with the fourth Test match between West Indies and England and the winner will receive two tickets for a day at the match.

The Trust has also set un The Johnners Club, which unites keen cricketers and followers of the game, both male and female. Membership is £50 and each year there is a dinner at Lord's, a celebrity amateur golf day and a ball at the Savoy, Johnston's favourite hotel. Members also receive a tie or lady's scarf and



HOW TO TAKE

THE National Johnners Cricket Week is organised by the Brian Johnston Memorial Trust, 71 Baker Street, London WIM IAH (0171-224 1005). Cricket clubs wishing to participate should reg-

ister with the Trust. Clubs can either arrange fundraising ventures around an existing fixture or stage special events to mark the occasion. If the scheduled dates are unsuitable,

clubs can arrange their Week for another time. The Trust will issue clubs with information to help generate publicity for their events and ideas for raising funds. They will also send out books of tickets for the National Johnners Raffle.

First blood to Holmes at chilly Mere

THE spring has sprung, but nobody would have guessed it. The first tournament in the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour was staged at Mere Golf and Country Club last week, and the conditions were more like Exmoor in December than leafy Cheshire in early April. The wind howled - there were gusts of up to 35 mph - and it was cold enough to call for several layers of warm clothing. The blood of healthy young men may be good and thick, but even they were shivering as they set forth on the first tournament of the Northern Tour.

The Junior Golf Tour has been running for four years, but this was its first appearance as an event sponsored by Daihatsu in association with The Times. This is the first year of a circuit exclusively for northern players; there is also a Southern Tour and a National

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contested by the cream of the 1,000-plus applications that have had to be whittled down to a total of 216 players. The competition was a close-run affair, with three players, James Holmes, Gareth White and John Connelly, defying the chill to play some Tour, the latter of which will be fine golf on the picturesque Mere

Junior tour players and their clubs

course. In the end victory depended on a countback of the last nine holes, and the level-par 35 of Holmes, a member of Crewe Golf Club, was enough to give him the spoils. White and Connelly are looking for revenge in the next Northern tournament at Royal Liverpool on May

"The weather was just horrible," Colin Springate, who inaugurated the tour in 1993 and is now its full-time tournament director, said. "It says a great deal for the determination of the lads that in spite of the bitter cold not one of them handed in a no-return, one of them handed in a no-return, despite some pretty unflattering scores." LEADING SCORES. TE: J Holmes (Creve), G White (Gossop and District), J Cornelly (Warry (Holmes won on countback). 77: S Menser (South Moor), D Joel (Chesterie-Street), Br. G Evans (Morecombe), N Wasche (Bashop Auckland). 87: G Taiples (Tynemouth), B Compton (Turton). 82: M Traynor (Puncorn), A Rogers (Close House), C Johnson (South Moor), G Richetty (Haigh Hail). 83: A Collins (Whitchtam). B Wood (Brantson), G Cattrell (South Moor), J Roushe (Heydoch, Pork). 84: K Hitchen (Astron-in-Materiald), S Cooper (Kerneck, Park), A Classack, (Wallassy), A Devison (Wallaseld), M Srigh (Childwell), N Taylor (Derby).



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Andrew Dyson's team (Liggins, Crouch, Lodge, Kirby and Armstrong) beat Macnair in the final of the 1996 Gold Cup. Glyn Liggins described this hand as the critical one of the match. North-South game Dealer South

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ot: Six Hearts by South, Lead: ace of spades

(i) Strong club, showing at least 16 points, any dist-This was the auction when

Kirby and Armstrong were North-South for the Dyson team. Gibbons led the ace of spades and his partner played the nine, showing an odd number of spades on his methods. Nervous that South had bid Six Hearts holding

+5 VAKQXXXXX +X +AKX Gibbons switched to the jack of diamonds. Dummy's queen held the trick and declarer's remaining diamond went away on the king of spades. West's defence was poor. With the hypothetical hand illustrated above, South would have bid Four No-trumps over Four Spades, to check on aces. At the other table South opened a strong One Club, (West) overcalled Crouch Three Spades and North doubled, showing 5-7 points.

Lodge (East) passed, and South ended the auction with Six Hearts. West led the ace of spades, East played the three of spades, and West switched to a club. He later made the king of diamonds to beat the contract. In a fine example of what

happens when history is written by the victors, Liggins attributed Crouch's failure to make the losing diamond switch to Crouch and Lodge's diligent homework. He exexplained that they play ... suit preference when declarer is marked with a singleton". So he claimed that the three of spades asked for a club. More likely in my view is that Crouch just showed common sense - South's failure to use Blackwood meant he could not be missing two aces. Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

GLEBOUS a, Cross-eyed b. Earthy c. The Arctic Ox

b. Excess hair c. Electric therapy

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bxc4

Qh5

Qf7

Nhe5

Qa7+

Diagram of final position

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20 Bxc4

21 Bc3

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By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Dos Hermanas

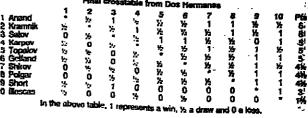
The elite tournament at Dos Hermanas in Spain has been won jointly by Vladimir Kramnik, the young Russian grandmaster, and the Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand. Anatoly Karpov, the reigning Fide champion, suffered a serious setback against Kramnik himself, but otherwise revived his reputation after his poor showing at Las Palmas last year. Nigel Short, Britain's top ranked grandmaster, had little reason to celebrate about his result.

Judit Polgar seemed to be heading for an excellent result, as can be seen from the following game, but faltered near the end losing in 72 moves to Anand in the closing

White: Miguel Illescas Black: Judit Polgar Dos Hermanas, April 1997 Sicilian Defence

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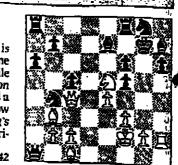
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

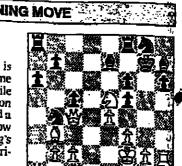
White to play. This position is a variation from the game Juarez - Rodriguez, Chile

1997. In this curious position White has already gambitted a rook and knight and now demolished the black king's defences with further sacrifices. Can you see how?

Solution on page 42



Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in





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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal 3, Preladelphia 3 (07); Ottawa 1, Buffalo 0; Torondo 4, Calgary 1; Washington 6, NY Haanders 2: Los Angeles 4, San Jose 1, Vancouver 5, Edmonton 4

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KATOWICE, Pokund: World champ-ionship: Pool B; Switzerland B Holland 3; Great Britain 3 Poland 4; Kazakhstan 5 Austna 3; Belatus 3 Denmork 9 Gueat Britain 2 Kazakhstan 4; Switzerland 6 Denmark 4. **LACROSSE**

SHEPHE-IDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE Premier division: Heaton Mensey 14 Timperley 5; Old Waconians 8 Mellor 7; Poynton 0 Stockport 1 MOTORCYCLING

DONINGTON PARK: British Superbiles championship: First round (15 laps, 37.5 miles)* 1. N Mackenzie (Cadbury's Boost Yameha) 24min 05.2005ec; 2. J Neyrolds (Reve Red Rub Ducall) 24:10.144; 3. S Hatop (Revo Red Rub Ducall) 24:10.144; 3. S Hatop (Revo Red Rub Ducall) 24:10.144; 3. S Hatop (Revo Rub Rub Ducall) 24:10.144; 3. S Hatop (Revo Rub Rub Ducall) 24:10.144; 3. S Hatop (Revo Rub Rub Ducall) 24:15.164, 4. C. Walker (Cadbury's Boost Yamaha) 24:17.185; 5. J Moodie (Cressent Suzuki) 24:19.955. Second round (15 laps): 1. Mackerzie 24:12.727; 2. Walker 24:16.471; 3. S Emmen (SSS Ducall) 24:20.283; 4. Rymer 24:23.121; 5. Moodie 24:33.853. Leading champelorship positions: Riders: 1. Mackerzie 250ts; 2. Walker 23; 2. Emmen 25; 4. Rymer 22; 5. Moodie 20 Teams: 1. Cadbury's Boost 83; 2. Red Bull 36; 3. Kawasaki 31; 4. Crescent 31. Marufacturers: 1. Yameria 50; 2. Ducati 36; 3. Kawasaki 23; 4. Suzuki 22; 5. Honda 17. Shell Advances 15:50 Emish championship: First round; (12 laps, 30 miles)* 1. S Smart (Honda) 19:49.057; 2. J Vincent (Honda) 19:51:280; 3. W Coulter (Antika) 19:53, 143. Second round (12 laps); 1. Smart 19:53 366; 2. Vincent 19:33 555; 3. S. Savidord (Honda) 19:55:086. Shell Advance Supersport 800 championship: First round (18 laps, 45 miles); 1. P McCalken (Honda) 30:24,845; 2. D Thomas (Honda) 30:25:683; 3. Simpson (Honda) 30:26,853; 3. Simpson (Honda) 47mr. 500ec; 1, M Doohan (Aus. Honda) 47mr.

MOTOR RACING

FRANCE: Le Mans 24-hour race: 1, Gomez-Polen-Goddard (Fr-US-Aus,

Suzuki) 758 taps: 2. Delotang-Ruggia-Lindholm (Fr-Fr-Swe, Yamaha) al 10 laps; 3. Mahe-Fujiwara-Balisahu (Fr-Japan-Fr, Yamaha) 18: 4. Guyot-Lussana-Sumeon (Fr-Fr-Bel, Kawasaki) 18, 5. Dobe-Haqum-Cortmons (Fr, Kawasaki) 24. Leading-world championahip positions: 1, Gomez-Polen-Goddard SOpts: 2. Deletang-Ruggia-Lindholm 40: 3. Guyot-Lussiana-Simson 32.

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HOCKENHEIM, Germany: World GT championship (opening round, 113 laps, 6.834km); 1, J J Lehto (Fin) and S Soper (GB) McLaren-SMW, 4hr Imm 14.596sec, 2, J M Gounon and P H Rephanel (Fr) McLaren-SMW, 1min 33.159sec behind, 3, J Nielsen (Den) and T Secthar (Ger) McLaren-SMW, 112 laps; 4, H Stuck (Ger) and T Boutsen (Bel) Porsche, 112, 5, R Kelleners (Ger) and Y Dalmes (Fr) Porsche, 111.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Laccete Open doubles championship: Semi-linets; T Cockroti and R Owen-Browne bit D Makey and S Cockeon 12-15, 15-8, 12-15, 15-15, 15-13, 15-11, 15-2. W Bonne and P Brake bt Barker and J Male 15-6, 15-1, 15-7, 3-15, 9-15, 15-3 Final: Bonne and Brake bit Cockrotif and Owen-Browne 4-15, 15-12, 15-4, 15-12, 15-4.

real tennis

OUREN'S CLUB: British Land Under-24 Open Chemplonship: Finale: Singles: R Gurn bt 9 Dels 6-4, 5-6-5 Doubles: B Dels and R Gurn bt J Tomkinson and S Vergons 6-0, 6-8 British Land Under-21 Open Champlonship: Final: Vergons bt J Wilcooks 6-1, 6-3 SCHOOLS SPORT

ENGLISH GOODYEAR UNDER-16 TRO-PHY: Semi-finat: City School, Shelfield 4 Newall Creen, Granter Manchester 1. Brook Trophy: Semi-finate: Isingtion 3 Hostiney 0; Blacineath 3 South London 1 BD Trophy: Finat: Bastey 2 Dardord 0. Northern Counties Cup: Finat: Northumbedand 3 Marsaystel 1. English Schools ste-saide Midlands Championship: Finat: Stationd-chies 1 Morthumbership: Finat: Stationd-chies 1 Morthumbership:

SNOOKER IRTH LINGSOROUGH: Dr Martens Euro-pean League: Group C: K Doheny (Ire) drew with J Higgins (Scot) 4-4. Group D: S Hendry (Scot) drew with J Penni (Eng) 4-4; Parrott drew with R O Sullivan (Eng) 4-4.

SPEEDWAY SPEEDWAY STAR CUP: Belle Vue 52 Swindon 40; Peterborough 38 Poole 52; Coventry 51 Belle Vue 41; King's Lynn 37 Poole 52. PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Oxford 51 Exerter 38: Edinburgh 47 Hull 43: Berenck 45 Edinburgh 44; Stoke 49 Newcastle 41. ELITE LEAGUE: Bredlord 42 Peterborough 48; Swindon 52 Ipswich 38; Eastbourne 58 Bredlord 32.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Mildenhall 38 Ryde

SQUASH

BRACIONELL: Hewlett Pactard Open: Men: First round: R Syles (Aus) br S Mends (Bertshire) 10-8, 8-9, 9-6, 9-7; D Jerson (Aus) br O Henrie (Escar) 9-7, 1-9, 9-4, 9-6; B Martin (Aus) br M Calms (Odordshire) 9-7, 9-3, 9-4; S Parka (Yorkshire) br D Ryan (he) 9-6, 9-4, 9-7, Semi-finals: Eyes br Jenson 9-5, 4-9, 9-5, 9-3; Martin br Parka 8-10, 9-6, 9-3, 2-9, 9-7 Women: Sami-finals: S Fitz-Gerald (Aus) br S Wright (Nend) 9-3, 9-4, 9-5; M Martin (Aus) br S Homer (Yorkshire) 9-3, 9-7, 2-9, 9-6

HALIFAX: Cannone British women's setofile choult. Semi-finets: R Macree (Esses) by A Wray (Yorkshire) 8-10, 9-4, 9-4, 9-0; J Tramfield (Yorkshire) bit S Brind (Kerd) 9-10, 9-1, 10-8, 9-0.

TENNIS

MADRAS: Men's tournement: Quarter-finals: A Radutescu (Ger) of M Weshington (US) 6-3, 6-4; A Pavel (Porn) bi M Morman (Swe) 6-0, 6-2; M Tillstrom (Swe) bi J Stark (US) 7-5, 6-3; G Solves (Fr) bt R Schuttler (Ger) 6-4, 1-8, 6-2, Serni-limits: Radutescu U Solves 6-3, 6-2; Tillstrom bi Radutescu 6-4, 4-6, 7-5

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Semi-finelic M Chang (US) bit Johansson (Swe) 7-6, 8-4; P Rafter (Aus) to B MacPhie (US) 3-8, 6-1, 3-0 ret. Pinet: Chang leads Rafter

ESTORIL: Men's tournament: Semi-linals: A Corretia (Sp) bl.J. Sánchez (Sp) 6-3, 6-1; F Clavet (Sp) bl. F Mantille (Sp) 3-6, 7-5, 6-0. Final: Corretia bl. Clavet 6-3, 7-5.

Final: Correlle bl Clavet 6-3, 7-5.

AMICIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tourrement. Third round: A Sanchez Vicano
(Sp) bt R Dragorin: (Rom) 6-3, 1-6, 6-4, 1
Majol (Cri) bl A Fusa (Fr) 8-0, 6-2; J
Fandar (Ger) bl M Dez Olive (Arg) 6-3, 6-1;
C Martinez (Sp) bt C Rubin (US) 6-3, 6-3, L
Deverpoor (US) bt B Schultz-McCarthy
(1-01) 8-2, 6-1; M J Fernandez (US) bl M
Weingarmer (US) 6-1, 6-2, A Coetzer (SA) bl J
Novotra (C2) 6-2, 1-8, 6-1, Cutarter-finals:
Deverport bt Kandari 6-2, 6-2; Coetzer bt
Fernandez 6-2, 6-4; Majol bt Martinez 1-6,
6-3, 8-3; Pierca bt Sánchez Vicario 6-2, 6-1.
Semi-finals: Pierca bt Majoli 2-6, 7-5, 7-8;
Semi-finals: Pierca bt Majoli 2-6, 7-5, 7-8.

WESTSIDE: LTA Reebolt Tour: Finals: Men: T Spirks (Noriolk) bt C Beecher (Kent) 6-4, 6-4 Women: J Ward (Ourham and Claveland) bt L Ahi (Devon) 7-6, 6-4

TRIATHLON

ISHIGAKLIMA, Japen: World Cup sedes: First round: Men: 1, C McCormack (Aus) thr 48min 12sec (swimming: 17:56, bits: 58:38, rumning, 31:38); 2, M Steward (Aus) 1:48:32 (17:28, 59:03, 32:20); 3, J Hurl (N2) 1:48:37 (17:38, 58:58, 32:01); 4, C Blesco (F) 1:49:05 (17:50, 59:05, 32:20); 5, S Bentler (Fr) 1:49:28 (17:50, 58:47, 32:51) Women: 1, E. Camey (Aus) 2in (2mn 05:ec (20:28, 1:05:25, 38:12); 2, R Hill (Aus) 2:02:11 (79:51, 1:06:03, 37:17); 3, J Gelégher (Aus) 2:04:13 (20:13, 1:06:40, 36:20); 4, S Dormalley (Carr) 2:04:56; 5, A Duttmer (Ger) 2:05:29.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League 8 Wanington Castleford Tigers: Try: Gay. Goals: God-dard 2 Warrington Wolves: Tries: Vagana 3. Henare, Shelford Goels: Roper 2 Att.

Halifax Blue Soc Tries: M Jackson, Murro, Pearson, W Jackson, Goals: Pearson 2, Schuster 2 London Broncos: Tries: Martin 2, Matterson 2, Bawden, Goals: Barweck 2, Att: 4.586

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Leeds Prenos 13 St Helens 12: Salford Reds 17 Sheffield Eagles 16; Wigan Warnors 18 Bradford 6 3 0 3 143 177 6 6 3 0 0 3 143 177 6 6 3 0 3 143 177 6 6 3 0 3 143 178 6 6 3 0 3 143 178 6 6 3 0 3 143 178 6 6 2 0 4 122 123 4 6 1 0 0 5 106 157 0 *Oldham \$ 0 0 5 106 157 Castleford 6 0 0 6 66 159 *nat matuting last night's match 5 0 0 5 106 157 6 0 0 6 56 159

First division

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Hull Kingston Rovers: Thes: Chemberlain, Soutbourne, M Fletcher, Rouse Goels: M Fletcher 3 Keighley Cougass: Tries: Cambow 2, Wray Goels: Irving 5 Att. 367: Swarton Lions: Try. Ashcroft Goals: Pearce 3, Whitehaven Warriors: Tries: Maletoa-Brown, Seeds, Smith, Goals:

Wakefield 31 Workington Wakefield Trinity: Tries: Clarkson, Davis, McLaren, Rika, Wray Goals: Davis S Dropped goal: Davis Workington Town: Tries: Curner, Fatnowna, Goal: Beltweite, Art. 1,553

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Devisbury Rams 26 Widnes Vivings 16 Names 16
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Second division

24 Doncaster Barrow Braves: Tries: Hutton, McMillan, Stater, Wilson. Goals: Marwood 4 Don-caster Dragons: Tries: Roltwell 2, C Watson. Goals: Servor 2 Att. 781. Hunslet Hawks: Tries: Pechey 4, Baker Boothroyd, Brook, Coult, Coyle, Rowe Mansson, Goals: Walker 8, Prescot Pe thers: Goals: Martin 3, Alt; 851. Leigh 29 Batley 12 Leigh Centurions: Tries: Burgess, O'Loughim, Pucil, Purill, Goels: Puril 6. Dropped goef: Brown Eatley Buildiogs: Tries: Sampson, Thornton, Goals: Price 2.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE Pre-mer division: Dudley Hill 94 Egremont 0: Oldham St Anne's 10 West Hull 25; Woolston 44 Wigan St Patinck's 18 First division: Askam 14 Walney Central 14, Thornhill 30 Milliom 4: Wigan St Jude's 42 Blackbrook 4: Outton 28 Eastmoor 21, Second division: Ecoles 31 Ovenden 22: Snew Cross 40 York Acom 12; Skataugh 12 Redhill 23

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull Kings-Ion Rovers 24 Haldax 12 BNFL NATIONAL YOUTH CUP: First round: Under-18: Barrow Island 30 Woodston Rovers 19; Blackbrook 18 Wigan St Petinck's 16; Ectes 16 Polingion Receives 18: Eland 18 Wigan St Jude's 28; Illingworth 8 Walth Brow Hornets 34, Lunts Heath Lons 16 Leigh Miness Rangers 10, Milliond 32 Folly Lane 12; Outton Raiders 20: Egramont Rangers 12 (ast), Parkside Golborne 26 Sulfsugh 4: Ousensbury 18 Featherstone Amateur 26; Redhift 26 Leigh East 25: Seddleworth Rangers 38 East Leeds 22: West Hulf 8 Stammingley 10

AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE Adelarde Remes 10 Brisbane Broncos 20: Parritin Partitiers 20 Cariberra Rauders 30: Hunter Marrinora 18 Auckland Warnora 10, Perfin Western Reds 6 North Queensland Cow-Western boys 4. AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL). South Observation Crushers 14 Gold Coast Chargers 22; Si George 16 Balmain 10; Sydney Cuty 20 Newmar Steeles 26; North Sydney 34 South Sydney 14, Parramatte 8 Manly-Warringah 18



Steven Moria, left, of Great Britain, battles with Vladimir Antipin, of Kazakhstan, for control of the puck during the world championship pool B match in Katowice yesterday, which Kazakhstan won 4-2

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: European Championship trials: Ment. 50m freestyle: 1, M Fosier (University of Balh) 22-99sec. 2 M Flobens. (Carnolan Sanss Conage) 23-33, 3, N Strackell (Milheld) 22-56 100m freestyle: 1, N Shackell (Milheld) 50-36-2 A Clayton (City of Leeds) 50-78, 3 G Meatonss (City of Leeds) 50-78, 3 G Meatonss (City of Leeds) 50-78, 3 G Meatonss (City of Leeds) 55-99, 3, A Ruckwood (City of Barmangham) 55-99, 3, A Ruckwood (City of Barmangham) 55-97, 200m butterfly: 1, 5 Parry (City of Leeppool) 150-19-2, J Hedman (Stockport Mettor) 2-00-08; 3, P Ashcroth (Milyan Waspo) 2-0301-200m backstroke: 1, Fuckwood 2-01-63; 2, Harris 2-03-27, 3, 3 Militias (Portamouth Nardissee)

2 03 32 200m breasstroke: 1, A Ayers C-ty of Sitansea) 2.16.32; 2, P Maden (Rochdale Aquabears) 2.17.91, 3, A Whitehead (Cav of Coventry) 2.18.25; 200m medley: 1, A Tumer (Cay of Satiord) 2mm 06.785cc; 2, C Jones (Cay of Satiord) 2mm 06.785cc; 3, B Latterly, (City of Leois) 2.07.38, 3, B Latterly, (City of Leois) 2.07.39, 400m freestyler: 1, P Palmer (University of Bath) 3.51.51, 2, G Smith (Stockport Matro) 3.51.54 (Scottish record): 3, J Satter (Cry of Edment (follerwinsles) 4.26.66, 2, D Wigg (Cay of Newcastle) 4.26.66, 2, D Wigg (Cay of Newcastle) 4.26.41, 3, B Latterly (Cry of Leois) 4.22.34, 1,500m freestyle: 1, Smith 15.11.60; 2, Palmer 15.28.79, 3, 1

Wison (City of Leeds) 15:25 64. Women: Storn treestyle: 1. S. Rolph (Cay of Newcastle) 26:14:5ec; 2. A. Shepperd (hilingevie and Bearsden) 26:65; 3. C. Huddart (City of Leeds) 26:24. 100m breaststroke: 1. J. King (University of Bath) 1mm 10:94:sec; 2. S. Lawrence (Hillingdon Borough) 1:12:29, 3. L. Hindmarsh (City of Leeds) 1:13:00. 100m backstroke: 1, S. Price (Barnet Copthalf) 1:03:44: 2. J. Deakins (City of Covertry) 1:04:22: 3. K. Juggarts (Norwich Penguins) 1:04:73: 100m butterfly: 1:equal, C. Foot (York City Baths) and Rolph 1:02:46: 3. S. Greensp (Ferndown) 1:02:50. 200m treestyle: 1, V. Homer (Stockport Metro) 2:02:21, 2, C.

Hudden (City of Leads) 2:02.25, 3, K. Pickering (Ipsench) 2:02.58, 200m backstroke: 1, Desidins 2:14.55; 2, H. Don-Duncan (Asinton Central) 2:14.63; 3, Prose 2:16.93, 2:00m butterfly; 1, M. Pedder (Portsmouth Northsea) 2:13.87; 2, 5 Prook (Resoling) 2:17.09; 3, G. Lee (Camphill Edwardians) 2:18.85, 200m mediey; 1, Rojoh 2:17.23, 2, R. Comer (Wigen Wasses) 2:21.61, 3, L. Cooper (Wigen Wasses) 2:21.65, 400m treestyle: 1, Homes 4:18.18; 2, H. Biggton (S. Helens) 2:19.36; 3, J. Creig (Haverhul) 2:20.57 8:00m treestyle: 1, S. Cotlings (City of Bredford) 8:46.42; 2, Billingforn 6:49:10, 3, J. Fawkes (Stockport Metro) 8:51.98

Total (37 overs)

. 201 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-18, 3-18, 4-52, 5-100, 6-139, 7-153, 8-186, 9-193. BOMLING: Pollock 8-1-28-1; Klusener 7-1-41-3; Cronje 2-0-9-1; Donald 7-0-37-2: Symoox 9-0-60-2; Kallis 4-0-21-1 ten of the metch: I. Klusener. Umpires: W.A. Diedricks and R.E. Koertzen.

ICC Trophy

Bangladesh v Kenya

CRICKET

Seventh one-day international match

SOUTH AFRICA

Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) ...

D N Crookes, †D J Prichardson and A A Donald did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-109, 3-218, 4-246, 5-290, 8-290 BOWLING: Dale 8-1-70-0; Rodlet 10-0-46-0, Julian 8-0-53-2; Bevan 5-0-35-0; Bichel 10-0-50-2; M.E. Waugh 3-3-0-16-0; Law 5-3-

ALISTRALIA M E Waugh c Richardson b Klus M J Di Venuto b Klusanar B P Julian b Pollock

Extras (16 7, w 8, nb 3) 18 Man of the senes, S M Pollock

Final

KLIALA LUNPUR (Bangladesh won toss): Bangladesh beat Kenya by two wickets on reduced large!

L O Tikolo, M Sup and S Patel did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS, 1-0, 2-15, 3-58, 4-196, 5-212, 6-230, 7-241

BOMLING Seriul Islam 9-0-39-2; Haelbul Hussan 6-0-15-0; Alber Ali Khan 5-0-22-0; Khaled Sujan 7-1-31-2; Enamul Hoque 10-0-41-0; Namur Rahman 4-0-21-0; Mohammad Rahque 6-1-40-3, Akram Khan 3-0-22-0

Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 5) ... Total (8 wikts, 25 overs) ... Athar Ali Khen did not bet FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-50, 3-63, 4-116, 5-118, 6-123, 7-139, 8-151

BCMLING: Sup 4-0-28-1; S Tikoto 4-0-29-0; Odoya 5-0-27-1; Ondek 5-0-26-1; Kanm 4-0-31-3; Odumbe 3-0-18-2.

FULL ICC RANKINGS: 1, Bangladesh; 2, kenya; 3, Scotland; 4, treland; 5, Denmark; 6, Holland; 7, Cenada, 8, Hong Kong, 9, Bermuda, 10, Umited Arab Ermarks; 11, Flir; 12, United States; 13, Papua New Guinea; 14, Singapore; 15, Namibla; 16, Makaysia; 17, Eael and Central Anca; 18, West Arica; 19, Gibraller, 20, Argentina; 21 equal, Italy and Israel.

TOUR MATCH: Georgetown, Guyana (second day of lour) Indians 341 (A D Jedejs 106, S C Ganguly 90, M Azharuddin 57, F Singh 53; F D King 7-82; Guyana 214-6 (S Chanderpaul 103 not out)

RED STRIPE CUP (third day of four).
Besseterne, St Kitte: Berbados 275 (R I C Hotolar 107) and 165-7 (Hotolar 57).
Leewend Islands 152 (H R Brein 5-39).
Discovery Bay, Jernalca: Windward Islands 117 and 161 (C A Waltin 5-49);
Jernalca 276 (R G Semuels 69, C A Davis 7-58) and 4-0. Jernalca win by lon wildkets.

UNIVERSITY MATCH (final day of two): The Parks: Loughborough Linnersity 348-6 (T Balley 125); Oxford University 349-5 (B.W Byrns 92, R.D (Hudson 91, J.E. Haynes 52) Oxford University wan by five wickets.

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship

Einst division 47 Leicester Bath: Tries: Adebayo 2, Perry 2, Lyle, Mendez Const Callard 2, Cett 2 Pens: Catt \$. Leicester: Pens: Stransky 3 Northampton 31 London Irish Northampton: Tries: Clarke, Hepher. Townsend Cons: Hepher 2. Pens: Hepher 4. London trieh: Tries: Dawson, Hennessy Con: O'Shea Pens: Humphreys 2, O'Shea.

Orrell: Tries: Hischmough 2. Angelsee. Ress Cons: McCarthy 2. Perc McCarthy. Bristol: Tries: Tuell 2, Cony Cons: Bushe 2. Pens: Burke 3 Sale: Tries: Beim 2, Mannix 2, Erskine, Fowlet, Hadity, penalty try Cons: Manne, B Gloucester: Tries: Lumsden, Mepletofil, Con: Mapletoft

27 Bristol

15 Wasps

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Serecents: Tries Botterman, Dorose Con-Line. Pent Lea Wasps; Tries: Logan 2 Sneedby Corns: Rices 2. Pens; Rees 3.

LEADING SCORERS: 245: G Recs (Wasps: 2 mes, 38 corriersions, 53 penali goals) 225: M Mapteloli (Gloucester, 58 (Wasps: 2 mes, 38 conversions, 35 persony quals) 225: M Mapricolot (Glouester, 5, 22c, 47pg, 5 drooped goals) 189: J Callerd (Bath, 2t, 40c, 33pg) 172: J Livey (Lencester, 8: 23c, 37pg) 188: D Humphreys (London etsin, 1t, 20c, 38pg, 3og) 154: P Burke (Bissol, 2t, 2tc, 34pg) 129: P Grayron (Mortempton), 1t, 14c, 28pg, 4og) 121: I Lencolot (Harlequins) 1, 19c, 24pg, 2dg), 181: S Manntx (Sale, &; 13c, 2pg), 99: C Sirin (West Harlequins) 1, 19c, 2pp, 17ries; 1, 2c. A Adebayo (Bath), S John (West Harlequins), J Glouson (Bath), S John (West Harlequins), J Glouson (Bath), S John (West Harlequins), J Glouson (Bath), S Harlequins), 10: J Bern (Sale), J Glouson (Bath), S Harlequins), 10: J Beth, K Logan (Wasps), D Moms (Sale), C O'Rhae (London harth), S Rocer (Wasps), C Sheestly (Wasps), J Shaples (Harlequins), H Briderwood (Lencester), Lencester permity time

Landon Scottish 25 Rotherham 3 Landon Scottish: Tries: Johnson, Millard, Milligan Cons: Steele 2, Pens: Steele 2 Rotherham: Pen: Molfil 40 Bedford Moseley: Tries: Barrs, Hams, Le Bas, O'Mehomy, Turner, Cons; Le Bas 3 Pens; Le Bes 3 Bedford: Tries: O'flein, Pararrore, Rayer, Stone, Whelstone Cons; Rayer 2, Turner Pen; Royer 49 Coventry

Newcastle: Tries: Nesdale 2, Andrew. Bondey, Colds, Stempson, Tar. Turgamela Cons. Andrew 3 Pen: Andrew. Coventry: Tries: Modalm, Smallerood. Cons. Hams 2, Pen: Hams 24 Blackheath Rugby Rugby: Tries: Milner, Oram, Saunciers Cons: Bart 3. Pert: Bart Blackheath: Tries: Fizzperald, Gellagher, Fussel, Williams Cons: Brachwarle 3. Pener: Brachwarle 2. 31 Nottingham wavener 31 Nottingham 16 Walegleich: Tries: Garnett, Scully, Shellord Const. Jackson 2 Penss Jackson 4 Nottingham: Tries: Byrom. Rover Pens. Evans 2. tologals(W

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Third division Clitton 19 Leeds Citton: Trees Buckingham, Craven, Lock Cons, Hanks 2 Leeds: Tries Appleson 3. Green 3. Cawthorne, Grillin, Johnson, Perego, Shefley, Tupulolu, Whocombe Cons; Tupulolu, 5. Anscough 3. Pent Tupulolu 22 Harrogate Fylde Fylde: Try: Burns Con: Gough Pens: Gough 5 Harrogate: Try: Feurer Pens: Zolng 4

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Durnant: Tries: C Davies 2, Harris: M Thomas, Veitzyaka, Wale Cons: M Thomas 3 Peris; M Thomas 2, Caerphilly: Tries: D Philips, Lougher. Cons: Davey 2 Pen: Davey. Perc Davey.

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THIRD DIVISION: Saturday: Merthyr 50 Kentig Hill 17, Pyle 21 Tondu 21; Mountain Ash 31 Rumney 30. Yesterday: Narberth 14 Lianteren 10

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WOMEN'S BREAD FOR LIFE CUP: Semi-Super 12 tournament

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Otago Highlenders: Tries: Barl 2, Other. Cons: Brown 2. Pens: Brown 5 Dropped goal: Brown. Centerbury Crusaders: Tries: MacDonald, Lifley. Cons: Mehriens 2. Pens: Mehrtens 5 (al Dunedin) 36 Free State

New South Wales Waretshe: Tries: Mur-doch, Tombs, Campase, Payne, Bral. Cons: Burke 4. Pen: Burke Free State Cheetahs: Try: Brink. Pens: Smith 2. (ai Sydney) 29 Wellington Cusenstand Reds: Tries: Horan, Came Cons: Exiss 2 Pens: Eales 5 Wellington Humicanes: Tries: Talea 2, Bachop,

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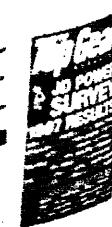
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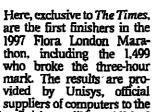
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year that the race was held

the field, Gordon Perry took

the men's title in 3hr 20min

Don Taylor, a former Uni-

ted Kingdom 10,000 record-

holder and now a leading

official of the Wheelchair Marathon, said: "There is

now much more knowledge

about preparing for the event. Wheelchair competitors are

now doing almost the same

mileage as able-bodied run-

ners, training either on the

In the women's race, Tanni

Grey, of Great Britain, a

three-time winner, was defeat-

ed by Monica Wetterstrom,

the pre-race favourite. The

Swedish woman was with the

leading group of men until the half-distance and eventu-

roads or on rollers."

with a start from the front of

Holding powers to record fourth win By JOHN GOODBODY.

ASTUTE tactics and su-

preme sprinting are not re-stricted to able-bodied athletes. Wheelchair competitors have many of the same attributes. Dave Holding used these

talents to complete a record fourth victory in the men's wheelchair event at the Flora London Marathon yesterday with a consummate display of pace and dexterity.

Holding, 28, from Kettering, had carefully watched his rivals throughout the race, in which competitors repeatedly switched positions as they sought to use the tactical strategy of

Holding manoeuvred himself ahead as the four leading competitors swung past Buckingham Palace into the Mall. With the finishing line 300 metres ahead, he kept his momentum going and then surged home in front of Hakan Ericsson, of Sweden. whom he had beaten to both the Paralympic 100 metres man, third in 1hr 42min 18sec.

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gold medal and world record Holding added: "The cobble-Holding said: "It was a very

tactical event. I wanted to stay in touch with the leaders in the early stages and then get in front at the start of the final straight. I was cautious about Ericsson so I didn't go into a full sprint until there were 100 metres to go."

Ericsson was unable to respond and Holding won by isec in the 42min 15sec, with the veteran Briton, Ivan New-

stones in front of the Tower of London provided the usual problems. The important thing is to keep in front at that stage. When you have to stick to being on the carpet, you don't want to get behind

and chartered accountant, uses a wheelchair that costs £2.600. It is the improved

anyone who is slowing down. otherwise you can lose contact." Holding a book-keeper

ally finished ninth overall. Wetterstrom hacked 11 minutes off the course record with Ihr 49min 9sec. Grey was second in her own London technology that has partly best time of 2hr 0min 6sec.

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The half-year results, now due

today, have been brought forward rather earlier than usual,

sparking speculation that ABF is set to make a major

Much of the attention on ABF

and its chairman, Garry Weston,

will be focused on the group's

plans for acquisitions. With around El.5 billion to spend, enhanced by the £640 million

sale of its Irish retail business to Tesco, any hints of acquisition

interest will be pounced on.

ABF, the Twinings Tea to

Silver Spoon sugar group, has been linked to a number of

targets, including Tate & Lyle, the

sugar manufacturer. Some ana

lysts believe that a bid for T&L

would be referred to the Monopo-

lies and Mergers Commission because ABF already owns Brit-

Carl Short, an analyst at Socie-

té Générale Strauss Turnbull,

thinks that ABF may be more

interested in acquisitions to build

its US business. On trading he

expects the strong pound to have

had some impact on British

Sugar although this may be offset by lower costs elsewhere. He

expects pre-tax profits to increase

from £198 million to £208 million

with the interim dividend held at

4.25p to allow for a higher payout at the year end. The broker

Merrill Lynch is looking for pre-

tax profits of £202 million, with a full-year result of £445 million.

N BROWN: The fashion retailer headed by Sir David Alliance is

reporting year-end results tomor-row. The group, based in Manchester, was formerly

known as a purveyor of comfort-

able clothes in larger sizes. More

recently it has been associated

with deals that never were,

having linked up with Iceland in

a bid for Littlewoods, while last

month it pulled out of talks with

Sears to acquire Freemans, its

Analysts are expecting pre-tax

profits of between £33 million

and £38 million, up from £31.2

million, with a dividend of 6.8p a

share. House broker BZW has

pencilled in £36.5 million pre-tax.

Aside from trading news, and

mail order arm.

TODAY

Interims: Associated British Foods, Schroder Ventures international investment Trust, Wardle Storeys. Finals: Arien, Caldwell Investments, Dinkie Heel, Doeflex, Britannia Group. Economic statistics: UK producer prices (March), auction of short-term US

TOMORROW

Treasury bills.

Interims: Murray VCT. Finals: Boozey & Hawkes, N Brown Group, Capita Group, Commercial Union, Dean Corporation, James Finlay, Hemingway Properties, S Je-rome & Sons Holdings, Moorfield Estates.

Economic statistics: British Retail Consortium retail sales monitor (March).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Aberforth Split Level Trust. Finals: Blockleys, Bodycote International, Cobham, JJB Sports.

Economic statistics: UK public sector borrowing requirement (March), UK un-employment (March), UK av-erage earnings/unit wage costs (February), US March housing starts, US March industrial production and capacity utilisation.

THURSDAY

Interims: Action Computer, Albert Fisher Group, Chester-ton International, Gartmore British Income & Growth Trust (Q1), Murray Split Cap-

Finals: BATM Advanced Communications, Havelock Europa, Henry Boot, House of Fraser, Laser-Scan Holdings, Linden.

Economic statistics: UK retail price index (March); ing, US weekly jobless claims, US February trade deficit.

FRIDAY

Interims: None scheduled. Finals: None scheduled. Economic statistics: UK British Bankers Association monthly figures (March), UK Building Societies Associmonthly figures(March), UK motor ve hicle production (March), UK provisional M4 (March).

will take place at W Conference Centre. Earlier this month about 77 per cent of MCI's shareholders voted for the merger, which will create a

be known as Concert.

The extraordinary meeting

transatiantic telecoms giant to Institutional investors are also expected to approve the merger. BT shares have risen from 360p to 4412p in anticipation of the benefits that are

allow them to retire early.

accumulated under the two contracts, based on contribu-

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in. Over five years Fidelity was the top performer. Commercial Union admitted the product had returned "a very poor performance" but said this was "due to the charging structure rather than the investment performance".

A spokesman said: "The product mentioned was an individual contract sold more than five years ago to fewer than 100 people and has now been phased out in favour of a new product with lower charges. I admit it has turned in a disappointing performance, but we cannot advise policyholders what to do with it as it may have been sold to them through independent fi-

group look likely to deliver a further mixed bag. In February a

about £19 million before excep-

tional items. Shares in the group

headed by David Whelan, the

former Blackburn footballer,

have scored striking gains this

year helped by good trading news. Analysts will be looking for

more information on JJB's open-

ing programme as well as news

on sales of replica kit, the demand for which has been a

feature of recent trading.

ABF move sparks bid speculation trading statement warned of problems in the cockle beds that

would hit half-year figures.
Analysts at NatWest are forecasting a 4 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £19.5 million for the six months to the end of February, with the dividend maintained at 1.85p. The strength of sterling is expected to have had an impact, together with lower operating profits, in several of Albert Fisher's European businesses. Fresh produce has been affected by fluctuations in fruit and vegetable supplies while problems with shellfish supplies, including the difficulties in the cockle market, will impact on

The picture is brighter in North America, where strong market condition should be reflected in improved operating profits.

HOUSE OF FRASER: The City will be looking closely at year end figures from the department store group on Thursday for signs that recent changes are producing

Earlier this year the struggling retailer announced the loss of 1,000 jobs and the closure of three stores as part of its restructuring. Its January trading statement

said that there would be a one-off charge of between E12 million and £15 million to cover the cost of staff cuts and a further charge of up to £9 million relating to store closures. In total, provisions could come in as high as £49 The brokers NatWest Securi-

ties are hopeful that there will be good news coming out of the stores, and is expecting a modest improvement in pre-tax profits, up 2 per cent to £14.6 million. An unchanged dividend of 5.5p per share is forecast.

The City generally takes a dim view of the company's prospects but NatWest says that current valuations ignore the underlying value of the stores. In addition, says NatWest, the retail pendulum is swinging back in favour of department stores.

The shares, which have been ALBERT FISHER: Interim reon a roller-coaster ride over the sults from the salads-to-seafood past 12 months, still have some way to go to get back to its 180p floration price of three years ago.

Healthy for the Tories

bigger election campaign issue, a clutch of healthy UK indicators this week will give them their opportunity.

The first good news should come on inflation with Monday's producer price indices. Raw material prices have been falling, thanks partly to sterling. The median of Standard & Poor's MMS survey of forecasts suggests a 0.3 per cent rise in March, due to non-oil commodity prices, but this would leave the input price index down 6.5 per cent year-on-year. Output prices are thought to have risen 0.2 per cent in March, leaving 12-month factory gate inflation at only 1.3 per cent.

Seasonal price increases should not spoil Thursday's March retail price data either. Headline RPI is due to be up 0.4 per cent, leaving 12-month inflation at 2.7 per cent. Most expect growth of RPIX, which excludes housing, to be down a notch from 29 per cent a month ago, though MMS is doubtful. NatWest Securities expects RPIY, the measure Bank of England policy focuses on, to remain on target at 2.5 per cent.
Unemployment should show another

fall, though City forecasts, rarely reliable in this area, range from 25,000-70,000. On the median 40,000, the rate should drop to 6.4 per cent. That is helping government finances, as will sales of £600 million housing loans. If the March public sector porrowing requirement comes in at the MMS median forecast of £9 billion, the total for the 1996-97 financial year could undershoot the Treasury's latest £26.3

billion forecast by nearly £3 billion. Critical attention will focus on average earnings growth, which has accelerated from 4 to 5 per cent since October. The City would view another rise in February as a danger signal. On Friday, annual growth of M4, the wider measure of money supply, will stay above its 3-9 per cent monitoring range, but may be trimmed from 11.3 to 10.8 per cent.

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

The Sunday Times: Buy Amersham International, Silvermines, Grand Metropolitan, United industries, ML Laboratories, Cranswick. Babcock, BWI. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Guinness, Nichols Vinnto, Olives Property, Colefax & Fowler, Cobham, Jarvis. The Observer: Buy Smiths Industries, Albert Fisher; Sell Allied Domeon. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Stille Circle Industries, Era. Independent on Sunday: Buy Williams Holdings, FKI, BT; Sell Prudential; Hold British Steel.

BT shareholders to vote on MCI merger

SHAKEHOLDERS OF REAMIL tomorrow vote on the company's proposed £13 billion merger with MCI Communications, the American longdistance telecoms carrier

(Martin Barrow writes). The BT board is also asking shareholders for authority to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares, a stake that has a current stock market value of £2.7 billion.

likely to arise from the

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THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Topping up pensions can backfire on savers

Garry Weston, chairman of ABF, which has been linked to several acquisition targets

expected to focus on progress

with cost-saving measures, in-

cluding planned disposals. In

addition, the aeropace division

should show benefits from in-

creased demand though US auto-

motive markets have weakened.

Interest will also centre on the

group's policy on dividend pay-

2.lp dividend for the period has already been signalled.

JIB SPORTS: The sports goods retailer reports year-end figures on Wednesday, with analysts looking for pre-tax profits of

ments and share buybacks. A

By Marianne Curphey

PAYING pension top-up contributions into a poorly per-forming scheme could cost savers more than £3,250 over a ten-year period, an independent survey has found. Over three years, you may not even get your money back.
Additional voluntary contri-

indications of how efforts to win

more younger customers are

paying off, interest will focus on

direction in its moves to expand

its share of the mail-order

LUCASVARITY: The first full-

year figures since last year's

merger of Britain's Lucas Indus-

tries and Varity Corp of America

are due tomorrow. Pre-tax profits

of around £280 million are fore-

cast for the group, which is

comparable to a pro forma figure of £250 million. Trading news is

Brown's options and likely

butions (AVCs) are used by people with an existing pension scheme to build up their retirement fund, either to boost their final pension or to But Bacon & Woodrow, the

actuary, discovered that choosing the wrong AVCs can severely reduce the final fund. Its investigation into withprofits contracts found that over the past decade the best

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performer, Co-operative insurance Society (CIS), achieved a return of 15.4 per cent a year. The weakest performer, London Life, returned 9.9 per cent a year. This represents a difference of more than £3,250 in the funds

tions of £50 a month. In the unit-linked sector, Equitable Life was the most competitive over the last three years, closely followed by Ea-Star and Scottish

Commercial Union, however, produced a negative return over this period: that means contributors would receive less than they had paid

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CLARE STEWART

COMPANIES

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

U\$ dollar 1.6255 (-0.0147) German mark 2.8019 (+0.0529) Exchange index

99.7 (+1.1) Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 2820.0 (+2.6) FTSE 100 4270.7 (+34.1) New York Dow Jones 6391.69 (-134.38)

Tokyo Nikkei Avge

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Answers from page 38

(b) Full of clods, of the earth earthy. From the Latin gleba a clod condition of the office human resources amenities area during TORPILLAGE

(c) Electric shock therapy. "I am sorry to see you so down in the dumps, my dearest. Why not try some alternative medicine, to see if that helps? A little aromatherapy, perhaps, some iridology. a course of torpillage."

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A Comment

DIRIGIBLE

(c) Everyone recognises this word as meaning an airship. But it ty Everyone recognises this word as meaning an airship. But it is originally an adjective meaning "capable of being directed, steerable". Thus an airship is actually a dirigible halloon. When the office party is breaking up, and everyone is a bit worried about Therese, who is upright but glassy-eyed, one asks: "Is she still dirigible?"

PARISOLOGY

(a) The deliberate pursuit of ambiguity in one's use of language. A vice in journalism, though a virtue in diplomacy. Cf. charientism, an elegantly veiled insult, made possible by judicious use of many of the words in Word Watching.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Annual figures 1996

peak year 1996: record increases of +25% to U.S.\$ 1,974 million +19% to U.S.\$ 2.71 profit per share shareholders' equity +44% to U.S.\$19,600 million

(in millions of dollars, except for amounts per share)	1996	1995	% change
Result before transion: ") - insurance operations - banking operations Net profit	1,485	1,252	18.6
	1,268	1,040	21.7
	1,974	1,574	25,4
Profit per ordinary share	2.71	2.28	18.8
Dividend per ordinary share	1.19	0.99	20.5
Total assets **)	277,943	227,607	22.1
Shareholders' equity **)	19,600	13,657	43.5

*) Results: U.S.\$ 1.00 = NLG 1.68 (average exchange rate)

**) Assets and shareholders' equity: U.S.\$ 1.00 = NLG 1.74 (exchange rate on 31 December 1996)

Excellent increases of net profit (25.4%), profit per share (18.8%), dividend (20.5%) and shareholders' equity (43.5%).

Almost all banking, insurance and investment activities report considerably improved results, thanks to an important worldwide increase of total income.

Allocation of U.S.\$315 million before taxation to provisions for future expenses, of which U.S.\$166 million for the insurance operations and U.S.\$149 million for the banking operations.

Size of the banking provision for general contingencies at the end of 1996 was U.S.\$1,465 million; U.S.5718 million is added to shareholders' equity and U.S.5747 million to the Fund for general

Full of confidence for 1997, but despite a good start still too early to make a profit forecast.



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This is inflation week. The latest RPI figures are published on Thursday while the US equivalents come out tomorrow. They appear while we are in the middle of one of our periodic scares that inflation is about to surge again. Yet it is currently about as low as most of us in Britain can remember. So

why the panic? First, because it seems that the rate has already been picking up. The latest headline figure of 27 per cent is up from just over 2 per cent recorded almost a year ago, and just over I per cent seen in 1993.

But if you strip out the usual distorting factors - mortgage interest rates, indirect taxes and petrol - nearly all of the supposed recent acceleration disappears. Indeed, underlying inflation last year was the same as in 1993 - just below 3 per cent.

Yet as inflation has remained low, so ambitions have built up for still lower rates. When Britain left the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) in September 1992. keeping inflation in the range of l

Inflation fears overdone — again

to 4 per cent seemed an extremely ambitious target. Now this is widely regarded as much too lax hence the current target of 212 per

So profound has been the change in the policy climate that central bankers everywhere, and not merely in the Germanic hard core, now talk openly about the merits of price stability - and without blushing.

Moreover, an international competition has developed to achieve lower inflation than other countries, nearly all of whom are consumed by precisely the same ambition. So each has to pedal faster to stay in the same place. And there are some extremely low inflation figures elsewhere - 112 per cent in Germany, I per cent in France, '2 per cent in Japan, and minus 2 per cent in Sweden. Even Italy is now below 2'2 per cent. So the UK's low inflation looks

high internationally. Yet it has been achieved in spite of a strong recovery accompanied by sharp falls in unemployment, and after a collapse of the exchange rate in 1992. In these circumstances, you would expect it to be higher. Interestingly, in the US, which has also enjoyed good growth and low unemployment, the latest core inflation rate was similar to Brit-

ain's - 2½ per cent.

The real reason for the present inflation scare is not current experience but forecasts and fears of higher inflation ahead. The grounds for worry are clear enough. The economy appears to be growing too strongly, with consumer spending likely to expand by 4 per cent or more.

For many observers this is taken as conclusive. It is as though the last few years of low inflation had been obvious all along - just as the coming upsurge is supposedly



obvious now. The reality is quite different. Ever since we left the ERM there have been arguments for inflation to rise - some of them good ones. In 1993, it was the sharp fall of sterling. In 1994, it was the worldwide rise in commodity prices, coupled with strong growth in the US. Since then we have had scares over the gold price and the oil price. Now it is the strong

ling, now coupled with sharply lower oil prices, will offset this by putting intense downward pressure on prices. It is easy to underestimate the significance of the pound's rise because its sheer speed allows observers to become accustomed to the new level before the effects are yet evident in the

Over the past year, the average value of the pound has risen by nearly 20 per cent, with most of that increase coming since August. Remarkably, some economists

and businessmen continue to pooh-pooh its significance. If you asked them, however, about the effect of a 20 per cent fall in foreign prices, they would immediately wax lyrical about the beneficial impact on our price level but also about the terrible blow to our competitiveness. Yet this comes to

growth of domestic spending. Yet the extraordinary strength of steryou might as well throw away the whole of economics.

Even so, the supposed impotence of the exchange rate is lodged in the folk memory. At the end of 1987, sterling stood some II per cent higher than it had done a year earlier. And it rose another 5 per cent the following year. Yet this appreciation was powerless to stop the inflationary "blip" that we now know as the Lawson boom.

But the strength of the pound in 1987 merely offset its weakness the previous year. By contrast, the recent surge of the pound has very nearly returned it to the levels ruling five years ago, before the

ERM fiasco. Similarly, it is easy to misread the 1992/93 experience when inflation fell in spite of a much lower pound, causing some to conclude that the level of sterling had no

relevance for inflation. But devaluation did raise the inflation rate relative to what it would otherwise have been. Indeed, without it, inflation in 1993 might well have been negative.

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Inflation week begins with current evidence of just how important the exchange rate is - today's publication of the latest producer prices. The last set showed the prices of goods leaving factories hardly rising at all, while input costs had fallen by about 612 per cent over the year. Not much inflation there. And whatever happens this week, as the year wears on, the remarkable absence of price pressures in the pipeline will drag down the RPI.

Not for the first time, fears about higher inflation are set to be followed by the realisation of just the opposite.

Roger Bootle's book, The Death of Inflation - Surviving and Thriving in the Zero Era, will be published in paperback on April 24 at £9.99 by Nicholas Brealey (0171 430 0224).

Mirror chairman faces battle over re-election

By Jason Nisse

MIRROR GROUP, the publisher and broadcaster, faces a battle with some institutional investors over the decision by Sir Robert Clark, the group's 73-year-old chairman, to continue long past retirement age. Sir Robert, who first joined the board when the company

was controlled by Robert Maxwell, will today confirm in his chairman's statement in the Mirror annual report that he is standing for re-election as a director. The move comes despite

public opposition by institutional investors to directors continuing in office beyond their 70th birthday. This year will be the first time he has offered himself for re-election as a director since passing 70. The Companies Act states:

"No person is capable of being appointed as a director of a company ... if at the time of his appointment he has attained the age of 70." However, this clause can be

sidestepped by an amendment to a group's articles of association, an amendment which exists at Mirror. Pirc, the corporate gover-

nance lobby group, is to recommend that shareholders vote against Sir Robert at



Age concern: Sir Robert Clark, 73, can expect opposition from institutional investors

the annual shareholder meeting in early May, having brought up the issue of his age ahead of the last two annual

One leading institutional investor told The Times that it is expecting to vote against the re-election of Sir Robert. "If there is a really good reason

given for him staying on we will abstain, otherwise we will oppose re-election."

Another institution said it was likely to oppose, and a third said it was considering opposing. Hermes, the BT and Post Office pension fund, has a policy of opposing directors aged over 70, but said it may

agree to support Sir Robert if there is a commitment to find a new chairman by the next annual meeting.

A Mirror spokesman said Sir Robert is standing for reelection for only one year and that if institutions are unhappy about this it is willing to talk to them about it.

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ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET New players join sports sector

THE burgeoning sports sec-tor of the Alternative Investment Market is set to expand even further with the flotations of Britain's first female only fitness club and a cashshell backed by Alan Hansen, the football

pundit. Lady In Leisure, which runs clubs in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester and Newcastle, is raising £1.7 million through a placing that will value it at £4.6 million.

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Investments is rumoured to on the ground that his presbe in talks with Coventry and has promised to return ence might put off women working out in the gym. all the money if it fails to strike a deal within two Soccer Investments, which

owns nothing apart from the £10 million it plans to raise, is joining AIM on April 27. It Sport stocks have so far received a mixed reception is the brainchild of Apax, the in AIM. West Bromich Albiventure capitalist that orga-nised Sheffield United's enon, Charlton Athletic and Birmingham City have seen try to the market, and plans some £121 million wiped off to lure a Premiership foottheir market value in the ball club into a reverse past four months. takeover

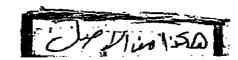
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EDS and Cap in line for Steel contract

By Eric Reguly

ELECTRONIC Data Services and Cap Gemini, two of the largest information technology companies in the world, are back in the running for British Steel's £350 million computing contracts now that IBM's bid has been rejected.

British Steel told IBM last week that its information technology outsourcing proposals could not satisfy its commercial requirements. No details were given. IBM was told in November that it was the preferred bidder and the contract was to have started two months ago.

Electronic Data Services (EDS) and Cap Gemini pitched for the prestigious British Steel contract, which would have seen the winner take over the bulk of its computer operations, including the technical and customer support divisions and applications systems development.

Cap Gemini, based in France and 24 per centowned by Daimler Benz of Germany, has one competitive advantage. Through the acquisition of British Steel's Central Management Systems division, it is already providing about one third of the group's information technology

outsourcing needs.

Neither EDS nor Cap Gemini has officially received invitations to submit new bids. But both companies are working on the assumption that they will be called in.

An EDS victory would underline the company's near-dominance of the fast growing outsourcing mar-ket. EDS, founded by Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire and 1992 presidential candidate, was spun off from General Motors last year and has made international expansion a priority. Scottish Hydro-Electric

has contracted out its customer IT systems to Severn Trent, the water utility. in the first link-up of its kind. Under the terms of the five-year deal announced today. Severn Trent's systems division will manage all of Hydro-Electric's customer information services.



BECK & POLLITZER, the engineering services group that won a Queen's Award for export achievement last year, is considering a flotation following its third set of strong results (Chris Ayres writes).

Long-serving employee Vince Grace is pictured at work for the company, which has appointed NatWest Markets as its adviser. It will this week announce a 21 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from

£1.58 million to £2 million for the year to December 31. Michael Stone, managing director, said: "The company has seen constant improvements and has been

LucasVarity takes flak over dividend change

BY PAUL DURMAN

LUCASVARITY, the car components group formed by a E3.2 billion merger last year, has come under fire for the clumsy debate it has held over its controversial new dividend

The company is expected to announce on Wednesday that it intends to cut future dividend payments and to make up the difference with a rolling programme of share buybacks. LucasVarity believes the

move will make better use of tax reliefs and prevent it from adding to its advance corporation tax (ACT) problem. The company has held pri-

vate talks with its largest shareholders about its plans. However, leaks to the press have suggested that the company has had to abandon a move away from dividend payments altogether and have highlighted the divisions between the group's British and American shareholders. Graham Wood, head of UK

equities at Standard Life, one of Britain's biggest institutional investors, said: They've made a complete pig's breakfast of getting their message over. They did not realise the difference between the US institutional market and the British institutional market." Managers from Varity have

taken the top jobs in the new group, led by Victor Rice, the chief executive. US investors find share buybacks more tax efficient than dividends. However, UK pension funds are better off receiving dividends, because

their untaxed status allows

tax credit. One leading UK pension fund manager said: Most of our clients want dividends paid. It the company's plan] is not ideal from our point of view. We are in favour of people paying dividends." LucasVarity faces a dilem-

ma because its UK profits are insufficient to cover the level of dividends previously paid by Lucas Industries. This means it is unable to offset all its ACT payments against mainstream corporation tax.

On the other hand, a share buyback could be made without giving the company's UK shareholders a capital gains tax liability. This is because the nominal value of Lucas-235p, above the current marthem to reclaim the 25 per cent ket price of 1992 p.

LucasVarity is expected to reduce its dividend to a level dictated by its UK profits. Paul Bosonnet, the Lucas-Varity director who resigned last week, is also on the board of Mercury Asset Management, one of the UK's biggest

pension fund managers.
Through a spokesmen, Mr Bosonnet said that his resignation had nothing to do with operations at Lucas and nothing to do with Mercury Asset Management. It was for purely personal reasons.

Ĵohn Lawson, motors analyst at Salomon Brothers, has suggested that LucasVarity will seek to sell VarityPerkins, its diesel engine business, and Aerospace, which last year's merger, reset at makes engine controls. To-

Societies to vote on ending mutuality

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

MEMBERS of two of the UK's top ten building societies will meet this week to decide the future of the societies.

The Bristol & West and Northern Rock building societies are seeking approval to follow in the footsteps of the Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester by abandoning mutual status.

Bristol & West is being taken over by Bank of Ireland in a £600 million deal, while the £1 billion Northern Rock is seeking a flotation on the stock market.

If the Northern Rock deal goes ahead, each of its 900,000 qualifying members will receive an equal distribution of 500 free shares, which could be worth as much £1,400.

Bristol & West savers of more than two years standing will get a cash payment worth, on average, £1,100, while other members, who did not have £100 in the society at the right dates will get £250, or 250 preference shares worth £1

The Northern Rock flotation comes laced with what commentators deem to be a "poison pill", whereby 5 per cent of its profits will go towards the establishment of a foundation to help projects in the North West. This set-up could put off a purchaser, although the society will, in any case, enjoy five years of protection from takeover.

Northern Rock shares are expected to trade between 260p and 295p.

For the conversions to go ahead 75 per cent of savers must vote in favour.

National Savings tops target

By CAROLINE MERRELL

NATIONAL SAVINGS contributed £4.7 billion to government funding this year. comfortably exceeding its re-vised £4.5 billion target. The target figure was sub-

stantially increased in last November's Budget from £3 billion. The two most popular National Savings products for the 1996-97 tax year proved to be the Pensioners Bond and Premium Bonds. This year E1.7 billion worth of Premium Bonds were sold net, com-pared with £1.4 billion in the previous year.

National Savings total gross sales exceeded £13.2 billion in spite of competition from other forms of savings. National Savings also experienced heavy maturities of savings certificates and capital bonds.

Despite the good results achieved by National Savings, an inquiry is continuing in to accounting discrepancies, which included a E50 million "black hole". The deficit has been cut substantially through the investigation.

Market must be wary of post-election policies evaluation and fis- don Brown could seek to

cal tightening were inevitable after the last general election, whoever won. There could be a repeat performance this time. Fortunately, nothing on the scale of Black Wed-nesday and subsequent tax rises is necessary. However, sterling is too strong for the economy's own good and a further rebalancing of policy

is inevitable at some stage. The electorate does not believe that the economy is booming, and there is no reason why the City should either. Pent-up consumer demand high real incomes and a healthy rebound in the service sector have boosted growth. However, this is nothing on the scale of the

Conditions in manufacturing are far from healthy, with investment low and with exporters being hit by a strong pound and the fear of higher interest rates. It may get worse before it gets better for manufacturing, as developments on

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the Continent keep the pound high. Eur-

opean monetary union will begin on time in 1999, with the convergence criteria interpreted flexibly, risking a soft euro and further capital flight from Germany. Ahead of then, weak growth, low inflation and tight fiscal policies will characterise developments on the Continent.

This is not a typical economic recovery in Germany. Further restructuring is inevitable as the recent rise in exports is not followed by the rebound in investment or consumption that the market expects. Germany will not be the locomotive for European growth, and the Bundesbank may never raise interest rates again before its replacement by the European Central Bank.

In this environment, the pound will remain firm and gilt yields attractive. If economics does not spoil the gilt market's prospects, will politics? The City does not seem to think so, and is indifferent to the election outcome. Traditionally, the market prefers a right-wing government, but Tony Blair has taken economics out of the political debate, endorsing conservative, mainsteam macro-economic policies. Change will be microeconomic in nature, centring on regulation.

A landslide would endorse new Labour's policies. allowing Mr Blair to strengthen his hold on the party and to plan for two terms in office. Thus, Gor-

establish his credibility with the financial markets, rather than aiming to please Labour's natural supporters. who want to see increased spending and higher publicsector pay.

However, credibility need not entail an aggressive monetary tightening, for two main reasons. First, inflation will remain low. Healthy growth in productivity will restrain unit costs. in spite of higher wages in the service sector. Retailers will still find it hard to make price rises stick.

Second, a balanced policy points to a tight fiscal stance to reduce the budget deficit and curb domestic demand, alongside an accommodating monetary policy. A Labour government's postelection Budget would commit them to the Tories'

tight spending plans and lessen the need for aggressive interest rate hikes. Although Mr Brown will be keen to establish his credibility with

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on the Tories, he will not be willing to raise interest rates so much that it threatens growth by curbing investment and pushing the pound to frothier levels. After all, Labour is heavily dependent on a "growth dividend" to deliver higher tax revenues. Although Mr Brown will be keen to keep inflation down, the last thing that he needs is to tighten policy too much, forcing a sharp slowdown that would threaten his tax plans. A year-end base rate of 6.5 per cent is more likely than the 7 per cent already

discounted. Excessive regulation and policy tightening are not needed, but more investment in infrastructure, industry and education is required to build on current success. Spending on education has already risen by more than a third in real terms since 1979. Britain is receiving sizeable investment inflows in research, design and development and its economy has benefited from a flexible labour market.

Yields are at attractive levels, but only if post-election policy is sensible, consistent and credible. The City may be indifferent as to who wins, but the gilt market should be wary. Actions speak louder than words. Once misplaced inflation fears ease and official interest rates peak, gilt yields will fall.

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Lee & Allen aims to capitalise on predicted rise in corruption

Hong Kong mission for fraudbuster

By Jon Ashworth

JOHN WOOD, the first director of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), is going fraud-busting in Hong Kong, amid predictions of a sharp rise in corruption after the hand-over

Mr Wood has been made a consultant to Lee & Allen. the forensic accountant formed three years ago as a breakaway from Price Waterhouse. The London firm is rapidly building a bridge-head in Hong Kong, which has few specialist fraud investigators.

Mr Wood, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in Hong Kong from 1990-94. said: "It is extremely difficult to predict but I think the general view is that corruption will increase because of the influence of China. I think that it's almost inevitable, with a change of government, a change of policy, that corrup-

tion will increase." As DPP, Mr Wood helped to clean up Hong Kong in the aftermath of the scandal involving Warwick Read, a top prosecuting lawyer who was convicted of taking kick-backs

from clients. An independent commission targeted corruption in the police, immigration and customs and excise. David Lee, co-founder of

Lee & Allen, said: "The expectation is that there will be an increase in corruption, with Chinese commercial culture influencing the way business is done. It is said that there will be less interest by the authorities in investigating fraud and corruption, but commerce and industry will counteract that."

The big six accounting firms are well-represented in Hong Kong, but often turn away business because of potential conflicts. Lee & Allen aims to mop up the excess from its base in Central on Hong Kong island.

Mr Lee, who commutes weekly between London and Hong Kong, hopes to capitalise on expert witness work in the territory. He said: "in Hong Kong, you have a society that is highly wealthy, highly innovative, highly commercial. Money has been poured into Hong Kong as the conduit to China. It adds up to a boom town for lawyers, and

litigation and disputes are very much on the increase." The firm has signed up Gerry McMahon, former head of enforcement at Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission, as a specialist adviser. Mr Lee's partner, Tim Allen, is developing a New York office.

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Miners attack gold tax

AUSTRALIA'S gold mining industry has pledged to fight a proposed gold tax in Western Australia (WA), claiming the levy could deter investment by local and foreign companies (Rachel Bridge writes).

The Western Australian Government intends to tax all gold production from the be-ginning of 1998. However, the

Association of Mining and Exploration Companies said investment in the industry could fall by A\$200 million (about £100 million). Western Australia last year produced gold worth some A\$3.1 billion. UK companies with inter-

ests in Western Australia's gold industry include RTZ-CRA and Hanson.

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By Outer of the Board

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Philip Bassett checks out general election intentions

onservatives - 19 points ahead. Labour rumbling around at 25 per cent of the vote. Just a Conservative Central Office pipedream? No: this is how business says it is going to vote in the election.

As the Institute of Managers today publishes its latest figures trying to gauge business voting opinion, two elements stand out from the current voting intentions trends taken among business. First, that they are almost a photographic negative of general opinion, which has Labour running about 20 points ahead of the Conservatives and at double its voting strength among business leaders. And secondly, that among a group of voters that has traditionally been associated with the Conservative Party, support for Labour is, for Tory strategists, worryingly high.

The figures come after a week in which both parties made a strong pre-election push for the business vote. Last week Labour devoted its first party TV broadcast solely to endorsements from business leaders. It also saw Tony Blair, the party leader, give a keynote speech in the City and the launch of first manifesto by a political party devoted solely to business.

in reply, the Conservatives unveiled plans to reduce the burden on small firms of the uniform business rate. Stephen Alambritis, of the Federation of Small Businesses, who says the move was a little late, emphasises the importance to the parties of policies that are attractive to small firms. He says: "There are five million votes out there from small business."

But Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the Institute of Directors, says: "There is a big hole in the concept of the 'business vote'. It's very tempting to suggest that the business vote is not only the votes of those who run businesses but of people who influence the votes of others who work for them. But I just don't think that's true. I don't think it's how firms behave and I don't think it's how their employees behave either."

However, psephologists love to slice up votes — the "owner-occupier" vote, the "C2" vote. In after-the-match analysis, UK election voting is cut into precise categories: widowed men, for instance (50 per cent Conservative in the last election, 37.6 per cent Labour), or Anglicans (54.3 and 27.6 per cent), or those who first voted between the years 1918 and 1935 (59.4 and 33.5 per cent).

Business cannot escape such filleting. Business is traditionally seen as supporting the Conservatives. Margaret Beckett, Labour's trade and indusspokesman, says: The Conservatives have an arrogant assumption that they have the business community in

Wray taken

by surprise

NIGEL WRAY, the sports-mad

property developer, was the recipient of a surprise birthday party on Saturday, Linda, his

wife, arranged for 300 friends

to turn up at Mill Hill School -

his Alma Mater. Still months

before his 50th birthday, the multimillionaire saviour of

Nottingham Forest Fontball

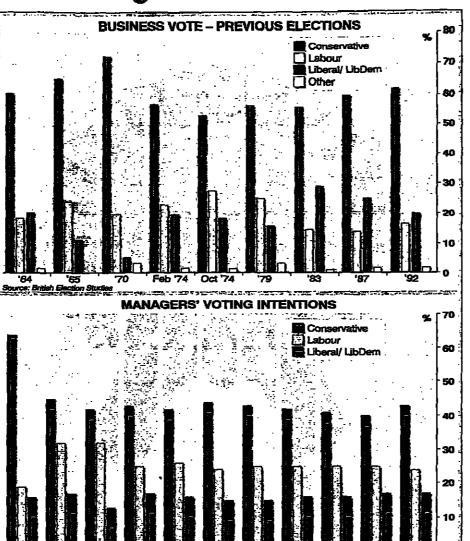
Club and owner of the Sara-

cens, knew nothing about the

bash. Yellow cards for tablemats, rugby balls for table

centres, and the Saracens' away

How Britain's business voters may turn out



their pocket." Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, claims the Conservatives are the "natural" party for business to support, on the grounds of both self-interest. and the interests of Britain.

Does business traditionally

support the Conservatives? Yes, it does. The graphic shows the way people classified in the authoritative British Election Studies series as "managers" a rough proxy for business leaders overall — have voted since the 1964 general election. Among managers, the Conservative vote has never dipped below half the total, while Labour's best performance was a few points above a quarter, in October 1974. The Liberal Democrats' natural vote among

strip as tablecloths.added to

the theme. The pop group

Village People flew in from

the US and Will Carling sent

a taped interview. Wray's

daughter Lucy brought in the

cake, which was decorated as a front page of The Times.

MARTIN EDWARDS, chief

executive of Manchester Uni-

ted, has invested in Applied

Decision Systems, a telemarketing business. How-ard Seaton, of ADS, says the

investment "assures our pos-

ition in the premier league.

We're sure our performance

Talent-spotting in the social clubs of Tyneside

will match that of United.

THE TIMES

managers looks to be about a fifth of the total. Set against the votes of all electors, the Conservative vote among managers is about 20

age, while the Labour vote is some 15 to 20 points lower. take, as a still tighter proxy of business voting. managers and professionals working only in the private sector. Here the Con-

points higher than the aver-

servative vote is higher and Labour's a shade lower. In the 1992 election , for instance, 62 per cent of private sector managers voted Tory, 16.3 per cent voted Labour, and 19.9 per cent Liberal Democrat. Such figures clearly indicate

Tesco tribute

INVITATIONS have gone

out for Lord MacLaurin of

Knebworth's leaving party in

the Great Hall at Hampton

Court next month. The board

of Tesco's has asked Eric

Nicoli, head of United Bis-

cuits, to propose the toast to the health of the retiring

THOSE perfectionists at Nat-

West still are not 100 per cent

happy with the bank's offices

at No 1 Princes Street - in

Tesco chairman.

The Entertainers: Tonight 8.30

Back to work

the traditional strength of Conservative support among businessmen and women. In the present campaign, the

main organisations represent-

ing business opinion, includthe Confederation of British Industry, the British Chambers of Commerce, and the Institute of Directors, have all chosen not to reflect such clear and strong support for the Conservatives. Instead, to the annoyance of some ministers, they have chosen to maintain political neutrality. Privately, some ministers and business leaders say this is clear betrayal. However, leaders of the business organisations insist they have to work with whichever government is in power. The reality is

CITY DIARY

spite of its £20 million

makeover. The snag came to

light at the official opening.

The plaque arrived minutes

before the unveiling and those

in charge were not pleased with the result. The craftsman

has been sent back to his

workshop and told not to

return until he has produced a

A BACKWARD step from an Essex company that claims to have published the first busi-

ness advertising calendar tai-

formade for female bosses. The

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suitable plaque.

Pin-up males

that the business bodies know just as well as anyone else that for the first time probably since 1974, this election is one in which more than one side can win - and they need to keep their options open.

Through anecdotal account. the heads of the business organisations have sensed that support for Labour in business is growing. Poll evidence bears this out.

The Institute of Management has been trying to track the business vote for some time. Today's figures are the latest in a line now running back to summer 1995. Its data, taken from surveys among samples of more than 300 business leaders each time and also shown in the graphic. shows the Conservative vote among managers to be in a slow decline in spite of today's

modest upturn. According to the institute the average Conservative business vote has been 43 per cent since September 1995, with Labour's average 29 per cent, and that of the Liberal Democrats 17 per cent. The Labour vote is far higher and the Conservative vote far lower than the actual average votes in recent general elections. In all the elections back to 1964, for instance, the average Conservative vote among managers was 61 per cent. The current managers average is 18 points adrift of that. The average Labour vote among managers back to 1964 is only 18 per cent. The current average vote fig-ures are 11 points higher.

eparate figures from the institute suggesting that almost half of Britain's managers now want to see a change of government, are more worrying still for Tory strategists. In a poll to be released next week. the institute will not only measure the voting intention of business, but the voting judgment: that is, not only which way business itself is going to vote, but which way business thinks the overall vote will go.

Managers' leaders will be surprised if the poll does not 7.00 Mark Radciffle 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Je Whiley 1.00 pm Nicky Campbel 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Live Music Update 8.40 Andy Kashaw 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00 am Claire Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warren show a large majority of business believing that Lab-our is going to win the election. Even if, as Mr Lang maintains, business leaders are no

more likely to vote as a homogenous group than any other disparate set of people with similar interests, the importance of the business vote is demonstrated clearly by the vigour with which the political parties have sought their support, and will continue to do so right up to polling day.

Roger Young, Director-General of the Institute of Management, says of business people: These are the very people who could be described as Middle England. They are taking a very close interest now in this election. And it could make all the difference."

1998 calendar is packed with

shots of scantily clad men. Michael Rose, of Rose of Col-

chester, says: "It's about time

a woman had a chance to ad-

vertise her company on a calendar featuring some good-looking men — and keep her

business in front of people's

A HAUFPENNY with a nude

Britannia will go under the

hammer at Glendening's on

Wednesday. Prices will start at £700 for the restrike that

dates back to 19th century.

minds 365 days a year,"

Torture for the talentless

Channel 4, 8.30pm

The social clubs of the North-East are the focus for Irene Cockroft's engaging series about one of the less publicised areas of showbusiness. This is where aspiring performers learn their trade, or quickly discover that it is best not to give up the day job. Audiences who have come mainly for the bingo can be tough on the talentless. The conduit for many of the performers is an agency in South Shields, which has more than 200 acts on its books and is always looking for new faces. One of the attractions of the series will be following the progress of such hopefuls as Tara Lee, who is 20, with a small son and no job and can belt out a song with the best of them. But older hands are not neglected. Comedians Tramp and Swank have 20 years in the business with the grey hair to prove it, though their saucy humour brings complaints.

Kavanagh QC TTV, 8.30pm

The simple expedient of getting back to what it does best, meatily-written courtroom battles, and giving short shrift to the hero's uninteresting private life. has brought the show back to its top form after a definite seg last time. A uniformly excellent series concludes tonight by dispatching John Thaw and his sometimes inconsistent northern accent to Florida to defend a murderer on death row. Some will miss the usual chambers in-fighting and regret that there is no place for the deliciously pompous Jeremy Aldermarten. The compensation is that the episode brings back a much-missed character from the past. Julia Piper (Anna Chancellor), once a colleague of Kavanagh, is now based in the United States. It is her plea for help which takes him across the Atlantic, where culture shocks (and not just legal ones) await.

The Surgery Channel 4, 9.00pm

Election Call

Radio 4, 9.05am

We learnt last week how drug abuse swells the workload for the GPs at their practice in inner-city Manchester. Tonight's film charts their approach to treatment. It is sympathetic in that unlike some surgeries they will not turn drug users away, even those who are homeless. It is also radical, getting

RADIO 1

RADIO 2

6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30 Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lytteiton 8.00 Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band Days 9.00 Big Band-Special 9.30 Hayes over Britain 10.30 Richard Allinsori 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine with Diana Madill 12.00 Midday with Mair,

Incupes at 12.35pm Moneycheck 200 Huscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Great Clubs of Europe 8.00 The Monday Match Dundee United v Klimarnock Pits news of the weekend's European footbalf 10.00 Brian Hayes's Election Night Includes Financial World Toringht 12.00 After Hours with Paul Heriott and Linda

TALK RADIO

5.00em Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraina Kelly 2.00em Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Mike Dictori

McDamott 2.00am Up All Night with Rhod Sharp



The Turner family (BBCl, 10.30pm)

away from short, sharp detoxification programmes in favour of a longer-term approach which substitutes legal drugs, such as methadone, for illegal ones. Dr Mark Gabbay, who specialises in the treatment of drug addicts, is the last person to talk about miracle cures. But he argues that the cost of providing methadone is far outweighed by the savings on drug-related crime. Two patients speak approvingly of Dr Gabbay's treatment. We also see how the surgery tackles the no less difficult also see how the surgery tackles the no less difficult conditions of alcoholism and depression.

Ten Pound Poms BBC1, 10_30pm

Just after the Second World War the Australian Just after the Second World War the Australian Government was so keen to attract new settlement that if offered Britons a chance to escape austerity and a bitter winter for just £10. Over the next 25 years more than one million people left these shores for sunshine, fresh air and a better life. Or so they hoped. But as Michael Davies's film relates, the reality was often very different. Migrants tell of staying in hostels with no running water, being bewildered by the size of the country, feeling lonely and homesick and cut off by a water, being bewildered by the size of the country, feeling lonely and homesick and cut off by a sluggish postal service from their families back home. Equally there were Brits who toughed it out, soaked up the taums about whingeing poms and became more Australian than the Australians. Archive footage supplements crisply edited interviews.

RADIO CHOICE

With Great Pleasure Radio 4, 10.00am (FM)

One of the strongest slots in Radio 4's schedules, at least in terms of programme quality, disappeared after last Tuesday and will not be seen again on This promises to be one of the most engaging of the new spring radio series, the perfect antidote to the preceding politics. The series begins with the writer and critic Howard Jacobson, ably assisted weekdays this side of the election. No wonder people are generally fed up with listening to politicians: there are far too many of them on the air, far too often. But at least today callers get a by Andrew Sachs and Susie Brann, recorded at the Cheltenham Festival of Literature last year. To call any writer observant ought to be a tautology but sadly it is not. However Jacobson is observant, particularly when he is examining other people's work. He is more amusing in this collection of comic prose and poetry than he was in his recent chance to question Margaret Beckett, the Labour trade and industry spokesperson, whose media profile in this campaign has been roughly equivalent to that of a limbo dancer. But Beckett is a loreeful speaker on radio who has an endearing and somewhat rare, tendency to answer the questions put to her. The number to call with your questions is 0345 514614. Channel 4 series on comedy, which was no laughing matter. Here the extracts range from Clive James giving Liza Minnelli a tongue-lashing to a segment from Persuasion. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 5.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 Streets of London 7.30 Crimibus 8.15 Off the Shell 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 International Question Time 10.05 Business Report 10.15 What's That You're Eating 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Ormibus 12.30pm Jezz Expo 1.05 Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Sport 3.05 Cutlook 3.30 My Generation 4.05 Sport 4.15 On Your Behall 4.30 Tommy Vance 5.30 Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 Seven Days 6.45 Sport 7.30 Courlierpoint 8.01 Quitook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multi-Tylack 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Reports form the SIk Road 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Cutlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 A Cry in the Dark 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 Live from the Archive 3.30 On Screen 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

hs 7,00 Mike Re Automa Mark Grillin's 7,00 Mille Head 10,00 Henry Kasy 12,00 Election 97 1.00pm Concerto. Hummel (Mandolin Concerto in E major); Khachaturian (Flute Concerto) 3,00 Jame Cnck 7,00 Newsnight 7,30 Sonata Leclair (Sonata for the Violin and Bassoon Confittuo in E mmor)8,00 Evening Concert Variation (Symphony in D msor), Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G manot); Salleri (Concerto for Flute and Oboe); Haydh (Symphony No 103 in E flat) 10,00 Michael Mappin 2,00am Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO 6.30em Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Randai Lee Rose

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Bach (Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C. BWV 564); Fauré (Requiem); Shostakovich (Pretude and Fugue, Op 87 No 8); Kodaly (Dances of Galanta), Moszkowski (Capnce Espagnole); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore Includes Bach (Orchestral Suite No 4 in D, BWV564); Haydn (Phang Trio in F sharp minor, HXV 26). Loewe (Der Tolentonz): Beethoven (Piano Sonata

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10.00 Musical Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page Wagner (Meistersinger Profude). Ovorak (Scherzo Capriccioso), Brich (Adaspo, an Buch from Volim Sonata BWV 1005); Howells (Kyrie, Missai Sabrinensis); Petracci (Concerto for Orchestra No 5), Haydin (Cotto Concerto in D)

12.00 Composer of the Weelic Forgotten Glants of 18th-Century Opera, with Paul Guindry Includes Galuppi (If Filosofo di Campagna). Jommetti (Didone Abbandonuta), Sacchini (La Contradina in Corte)

Corte;
1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Conceyt, Ever from St. John's Smith Square in London Robert Holl, bartone, and Rudolf Janeen, pains Indudes Schubert (Abendrote, Dir. Berge; Der Fluss, Der Wanderer, DG49); Mendristenin (Auf Erigen des Gesanges; Schuled, Nachtlied), Brahms (Four Schole Smith), Shaleky Rachmennov (Plano Concerto No 4 in Girmon), Shotalevial (Nanchromothe 4), 4 in Girmon), Shotalevial (Nanchromothe 4), 6)

Shazay mataharay (man cancertore & an among, Shotlakovich (Symphony No.4) (r)
 3.45 Everything but the Crazyhouse, Russell Davies haces the career of Sidney Bechet, born 100 years ago in New Orleans Bechet was deported from England for assoult and returned to New

York where he made a historic recording with

York where he made a historic recording with Louis Armstrong (2/6)
4.15 Music Restored: Across the Alps to Italy.
Anthony Rooley introduces a concert given by I Faglion, directed by Robert Hollingworth. Includes works by Hans Leo Hassier. Luca Marenzio, Monteverd. Comano de Rore and Gaches de Wert (r)
5.00 Music Machtine: Hocket. Tommy Pearson explores the ancient musical technique of hocketing. With Will Menter
5.15 in Tune, with Natalie Wheen Includes Schubert (Auf dcm Wasser zu Singen). Liszt (Les Jeux d'Eau à la Villa d'Este, Annee de Péterinage), Bridge (The Sea)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Andrew Davis with Poler Donohoe, piano Bax (Tirtagel); Tiopett (Piano Concerto): Elgur (Symphony No 1 in A flat)
9.40 Amours de Voyage. Tom Paulm introduces the first part of Affitur High Clough's 19th-century visice novel — a salignal portrait of the Engish intellectual sheeped.

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10.00 Volces: Bellini Songs, The Weish tenor Dennis O'Neill introduces and sings the surviving songs of Vincenco Bellini (2.2).

10.45 Mixing It. Mark Russell and Robert Sandali introduce highlights from the third of this year's UMC/New Aura Concents from the Purceal Room in London Featuring performances by Spaceheads and the Japanese due Ruins, accompanied by the free guitarist Deret Bairey.

11.30 Composer of the Weels Milidos Rozsa (I).

12.30am Jazz Notes, Digby Fanweather remembers.

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5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Busfing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Sport: News and Thought for the Day 6.50 Party Election Broaricast by the Scottish National Party 8.58 Weather

Dunne, who has spent a lifutime repairing chetronic lephopards for some of the biggest rock bands, including the Rolling Stones

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope, Lynne Walker is joined

by the actress, owner and popularies of French caboret, Jane Brian Plus Michael Bibington mads the reviews of his production of Hareld Pinter s

4.45 Short Story: Flight. Writien by Dons Lessing and rend by Jack Klaff

6.30 The News Guiz. Chared by Smon Hoggart With the panelists Francis Wheen, Andy Korshaw and Timos columnat Alan Coren (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme. Juka Eisner investigates the recent experiments by the big supermarket chains of delivering groceres to customers' homes (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: Mary Barnes, by David Edgar The story of a woman who struggles against madness for years. Eventually she

against madriess for years. Eventually she regresses to childhood, and with the help of her psychiatrist, sho manages to be reborn. With Path Love and John Hannah.

9.15 Bottoms, Beales, Bettles and Feet, Caroline Saril continues her exploration of our bodily extremities. This week she focuses on the nose (2/4) (r).

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r). 9.59 Weather.

10.00 The World Tonight, with Kabel Hilton.

10.45 Book at Bedtlime: The Go-Between.

L.P. Harley's classe stey of deception and the destruction of childhood innocence, as a schooliboy is forced to deliver love letters. Read by

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John Rose (6:70) (r)

11.00 The Living World. Another classic episode with Lone; Kelleway This week he comes face to face with the miniatees of Flonda (6/6) (r)

11.30 Colvit and Seames, Christopher Lee's story of two intelligence officers investigating the suspicious death of an elderly prest With Amanda Redman, Dudley Sutton and Christopher Benjamin (3:6) (r) (r)

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12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Wealther 12.30am Late Book Waiting Between the Trees, by Amy Tan Read by Lang Yun (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1, FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2, FM 88 0-90.2. RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4, FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720, RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 683, 909. WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jame Gregory and John McNamars.

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National Party 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Election Call. See Choice
10.00 News; With Great Pleasure (PM). See Choice
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10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Weman's Hour, with Jerni Murray
11.30 Money Box Live. Vincent Dungleby takes
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12.00 News; You and Yours (PM). Consumer news
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12.25pm Brain of British. The first round, from London
and the Home Counties, of the general knowledge
cure chaired by Robert Robinson 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55 Shipping Forcest
2.00 News; The Conversion of Jack Tupper, by
Geofficy Parkinson A tale of promised
redemption Staming Christian Rodska, Johny
Furnel and Steve Hodson (f)
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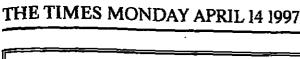
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Infuriating woman; I hope she comes back

octor Sam Ryan had been asking for it, really she had. Every Friday night another episode of Silent Witness (BBC1) would come along and every Friday night Cambridge's finest female pathologist would insist, absolutely insist, on being right. And, just as important, she would insist on everybody else being wrong.

But on Friday night, as the series came to a close with an unpleasantly convincing story of random teenage violence, she went too far. As Ryan (Amanda Burton) went through the old "I've got vital information"/"you've got to interview them again" routine. Superintendent Ross finally snapped. All series long, he'd worked hard to inject a little romance into her dull. colour-supplement life and what was his reward? Yet another of those challenging stares, signalling (once again) the smug certainty of her own infallibility. At best, of Frasier on Channel 4. This one made Ross (Mick Ford) very cross indeed.

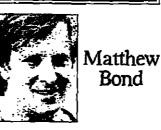
"I can't let this investigation be screwed up because you have decided to become an amateur detective." he shouted. Ryan pursed her lips as only Burton and a select band of lip-pursing actresses can. Result? Ross got crosser still and flounced off to make a complaint about his girlfriend to the assistant chief constable. He might have done better to tell her how silly she looks in one of those white paper suits, for all the good it did. Undeterred and eventually suspended, Ryan blundered off to contaminate some more evidence, breach a few more rules about interviewing juveniles and above all...to be infuriatingly and inevitably right. Friday wasn't the first time Ross

and I have had this problem with

they make me want to pinch her, at worst to switch over for the repeats the last. For whatever the shortcomings of its central character, Silent Witness remains extremely good television. Scripts and direction are towards the top end of the scale and the introduction of Ford into the cast was cieverly handled. Burton's implacable, unflappable and utterly professional Ryan needed humanising and Ford's enjoyable performance as policeman and former boyfriend was just the job.

ven by Silent Witness stan-dards, Peter Lloyd's script was an impressively complex affair, packed full of wellworked paradoxes (does the theory fit the facts or can the facts fit the theory?) and ghastly echoes from ghastly real life. By contrast, the script for The Chest (ITV, Saturday) was, well, how many pages can there have been, for a start? Four, possibly five?

REVIEW



This was an old-fashioned style of comedy that we don't see very much of these days (and by and large with good reason). But of its type (a lot of visual clowning, the playing of Bring Me Sunshine acknowledging its comic antecedents) it wasn't too bad — although why it went out after 9 o'clock on Saturday evening, goodness knows. One joke about "farty-breath" and the presence of Neil Morrissey, did not Pirates Behaving Badly make. What this was, was a familiar

variation of a familiar story: find treasure map, lose treasure map, find it again. Deep breath. Find treasure, lose treasure, find treasure again, lose treasure again. Told you you'd heard it before. All three of its stars have had

very recent television outings -Morrissey in The Vanishing Man. Gina McKee in Beyond Fear and Jim Carter in The Missing Postman - which seemed a little unfortunate. But without the hardwork that all three turned in, this little tale could have trickled away into nothing at all. Good support came from Richard Huw and from the North Wales town of Conwy. which looked very pretty. Germaine Greer had been going

for less than a minute of Travels with Pevsner (BBC2, Saturday) and already my eyes were glazing "Sixties . . . student unover.

rest... University of Warwick... social function of architecture." Social function? Suddenly I was wide awake and, once I'd worked out what she was talking about, agreeing with her.

reer's contention was that Ja building's beauty is in-separable from its social function. She would rather a public lavatory at Aston Hall be full of Birmingham homosexuals (her tea-time example, not mine) than padlocked and empty. A more accessible example might be her frustration with the National Trust's policy of fossilising buildings. "Now they have to stay in this state forever," she moaned, surveying the outhouses at Charlecote Manor; "as unlike themselves as a statue is unlike a real person." She didn't think much of the National Trust's bedding plants, either. Between recalling how she used

to share spotted dick and Chateau

mustn't 1?) with the Earl of Warwick and taking an easy sideswipe at pebble-dash and double-glazing in the model garden suburb of Bourneville, Greer drew deserved but slightly inconsistent attention to buildings such as the long-closed Curzon Street Goods Station. Where, if she had bumped into a mournful Garrison Keillor. I wouldn't have been a bit surprised.

Closed railway stations are like magnets to writers, which was why Keillor was moping around the terminated terminus of St Paul. Minnesota in the gently absorbing God Bless America (ITV) last night. Its closure, he said, was symptomatic of the city's failure to anticipate the second half of the 20th century." Symptomatic of more personal failure was my surprise, nay astonishment, at discovering that the river separating Minneapolis and St Paul was the Mississippi. Right up there?

GHANNEL 5

6.00am Business Breakfast (33849) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (70635172) 9.05 Election Call Margaret Beckett MP answers viewers' questions (9334443)

10.00 Style Challenge (92917) 10,30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (57269) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4521207) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (9064998) 11.35 Change That (6488172) 12.00 News (T) and weather (4298375) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (5840004)

12.35 Good Living (9671375) 1.00 News (T) and weather (28406) 1.30 Regional News (T) (50218559) 1.45 The Weather Show (39709066) 1.50 Neighbours (T) (22636714)

2.15 Quincy (r) (3741627)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (6191) 3.30 Playdays (r) (6986085) 3.50 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (6606443) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (r) (6046462) 4.10 Casper (T) (8076375) 4.35 50/50 (T) (7308375) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5059424) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (1433545)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (981795) 6.00 News (T) and weather (801) 6.30 Regional News (T) (153)

7.00 Auntie's TV Favourites Sleve Wright scrutinises June Whitfield's personal life and Boy George reveals why Larry Grayson is his personal TV hero (T)

7.30 Here and Now The health risks associated with being tall; habitual steepwalkers in trouble with the police; maii-order drugs (337)

8.00 EastEnders Bickering lovebirds Ricky and Bianca continue to squabble while everybody else plots a big send-off for them (T) (7820) 8.30 Panorama: The Leader Interviews

David Dimbleby interviews Plaid Cymru leader Daffyd Wigley and Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party

9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

10.00 One Foot in the Grave (r) (72578) 10.30 Ten Pound Poms The stories of some of the Britons who emigrated to Australia 50 years ago. under the Assisted Passage Scheme

11.20 Film 97 with Barry Norman Barry reviews the all-star Everyone Says I Love You, with Woody Allen, Julia Roberts, Goldie Hawn and Alan Alda; The Saint, in which Leslie Charteris's character is played by Val Kilmer, and Metro, starring Eddie Murphy, as a tough hostage negotiator. Tom Brook meets Harrison Ford, Brad Pitt and director Alan Pakula on the set of The Devil's Own (551199) 11.50 Mrs Merton In Las Vegas with Patrick

Duffy and Tony Curtis (r) (T) (553397) 12.20 The Long Riders (1980) with Keith Carradine, Stacy Keach, Dennis Quald.

Members of a notorious outlaw gang flee the forces of justice after an attempted bank robbery goes disastrously wrong. Directed by Walter Hill (681047) 1.55am-2.00 Weather (5245931)

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6.00am O.U.: Ways with Words (2228085) 6.25 Learning to Care (2230820) 6.50 Attachment (9378397)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (8022998) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (4106153) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (4114172) 8.25 Bump (r) (3126443) 8.30 Open a Door (r) (7420545) 8.35 Raccoons (r) (9826085) 9.00 TV6 (59627) 9.30 ici Paris (2111849) 9.45 Watch Out (2109004) 10.00 Teletubbies (90559) 10.30 Go for it (5267356) 10.50 Look and Read (5270820) 11.10 Zig Zag (4527849) 11.30 Ghostwriter (r) (4714) 12.00 Teaching Today (62191) 12.30pm Working Lunch (99733) 1.00 History File (70638240) 1.25 Landmarks (T) (64066288) 1.45 Storytime (r) (50204356) 2.00 Bump (r) (37139714) 2.05 Open a Door (37138085)

2.10 Flight for Freedom (1943, b/w) Rosalind Russell stars as a pioneering 1930s lemale aviator whose efforts to succeed in a male-dominated world lead to romance, heartbreak and utilmately international tarne Also With Fred MacNurray and Herbert Marshall. Directed by Lothar Mendes, Includes 3.00 News and weather (296578)

3.55 News (T) (6603356) 4.00 Blockbusters (6613733) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cool. (6616820) 4.55 Esther (9782153) 5.30 Today's the Day (530)

6.00 The Simpsons (T) (111882) 6.25 Space Precinct (901356) 7.10 Electric Circus Bryan Adams's new

video (133424) 7.30 The Sci Files Vanessa Collingridge attempts to find out whether genetically engineered food is really safe (207)

7.58 Video Nation Election Shorts (389801) 8.00 Top Gear Motorsport The first meeting of the new Eurocar season, the grueiling Dakar Rally; and the British rallycross revival (T) (5462)

8.30 The Antiques Show Francine Stock reports on the booming antiques family home which has remained virtually untouched for 220 years (1) (1269)

9.00 The Outer Limits A man disappears. only to return ten years later (T) (131462) 9.45 This Life Miles's blatant distike of homosexuais causes no end of trouble (1) (127795)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (36172)



Mick Fleetwood (11,30pm)

11.30 Rock Family Trees: The Fleetwood Mac Story (r) (928066) 12.25am Weather (3234931)

12.30-6.00 Learning Zone: Open University: Mary Shelley's Frankenslein (68047) 1.30 16th-Century Venice and Antwerp (62776) 2.00 Ancient Greece/Tales from Europe (16757) 4.00 Italia 2000 (75825) 4.30 Pulsars (64554) 5.30 MacMillan 6.00am GMTV (6512820) 9.25 Chain Letters (1) (3451443) 9.55 Regional news (2573530) 10.00 The Time, the Place (87085)

10.30 This Morning (T) (61933191) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (4294559) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9667172) 12.55 Home and Away (T) (2979714) 1.20 Kramer vs Kramer (1979) with Dustin

Holtman, Meryl Streep and Justin Henry Oscar-winning tug-of-love drama about an architect who is forced to get know his son when his wite walks out on them and the battle for custody that ensues Directed by Robert Benfon (47553795) 3.20 News headlines (f) (7592462)

3.25 Regional News (T) (7591733)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (6038443) 3.40 Caribou Kitchen (9696998) 3.50 Carlbon (9685882) 4.00 The Little Mermaid (6617559) 4.25 The Famous Five. New. eries (T) (8066998) 4.50 The Big Bang (1) (1575424) 5.10 Sorted (1424443)

5.40 News (T) and weather (157801) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (115608) 6.25 HTV Weather (487462) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (849)

7.00 Wish You Were Here? A cruise around the Indian Ocean, Ayla Napa in Cyprus and a coach tour taking in some glorious English gardens (T) (3240) 7.30 Coronation Street The residents gathe for Derek's tuneral (T) (733)

8.00 The ITV 500: The People's Election The first in a series of live debates from marginal constituencies. Beginning in Basildon, Essex where politicians will be quizzed on tax and the economy (T)



Lisa Harrow and John Thaw (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE Kavanagh QC: In God We Trust Former colleague Julia Piper asks Kavanagh it he will liy out to America to help her to fight the appeal of a convicted murderer on Death Row. With John Thaw and Anna Chancellor Last in series (T) (93530)

10.00 News (T) and weather (67646) 10.30 Regional news (T) and weather (636443) 10.40 The West Story The lives and livelihoods of the owner and drivers of an Asian-run Bristol minicab company (r) (T) (506608)

11.15 The West This Week Election Specials The Liberal Democrats set out their stall for a panel of voters (250398) 12.15am Box Office America (3389009) 12.40 Football Extra (4118979)

1.25 Argentinian Grand Prix (r) (7805432) 2.25 Club Nation (r) (5011221) 3.25 God's Gift (r) (8445318)

4.25 Sound Bittes (94671573) 4.35 Coach (r) (97914467) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (28450) **5.30** News (60757)

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10.40 Film: Mystery Date (16462820) 12.30am Sound Bites (5789554) 1.25 Stand and Deliver (2778028) 2.30 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol

2.55 Film: Up the Junction (96488486) 5.00 Central Jobfinder '97 (7654196) 5.20 Asian Eye (2370283)

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10.40 The KPMG Anglia Enterprise Awards (727004) 11.40 Highlander (653240)

S4C Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (26559) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (21917) 9.00 Bewitched (44795) 9.30 Shirley Temple: America's Little Darling (1959530) 10.40 Film: Dimples (8577443) 12.00 Right to Reply (64559) 12.30 Montel Williams (84801) 1.00 Slot Meithrir (75396630) 1.15 Smot y CI (70346135) 1.30 Film: The Drum (76784646) 3.15 The Village Full of Cooks (8927240) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (627) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (462) 4.30 The Lost Gardens of Heligan (646) 5.00 5 Pump (5075462) 5.10 Fleil (5071646) 5.20 Gogs (8885153) 5.30 Countdown (998) 6.00 10.15 Sgorio (538068) 11.15 MOM (518608) 11.30 NBA Raw (745)1) 12.00 Election

Midnight Special (25405)

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9.30 Shirley Temple: America's Little Darlin A portrait of the young star (1959530)

10.40 Dimples (1936, b/w) Musical drama with Shirkey Temple The story of a little grif who becomes a Broadway star just before the American Civil War Directed by William A. Seiter (T) (8577443) 12.00 Right to Reply (r) (T) (64559)

12.30pm Light Lunch (98917) 1,30 All About Bears Canadian wildlife film (77989398)

1.55 Violent Saturday (1955) with Victor Mature and Emest Borgnine. A thriller about a gang of bank robbers who terrorise an Arnish farmer. Directed by Richard Fleischer (T) (42792191) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (627) 4.00 Fitteen-To-One (T) (462) 4.30 Countdown (T) (646) 5.00 Montel Williams (T) (1646) 5.30 Pet

Rescue (T) (998) 6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (1) (511) 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (1) (191) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (753066) 7.50 Thatcher's Children First-time voten talk about general election issues (T)

8.00 Mrs Cohen's Money: Borrowing Bernice Cohen discovers that there is no legal limit on the amount of interest that can be charged on credit card debt. She asks John Bridgeman, director of Fair Trading, why (2/6) (T) (4630)



Entertainer Lynton Hymers (8.30pm)

8.30 The Entertainers The work of a South Shields talent agency (1/5) (T) (6337)

9.00 The Surgery The second in the three-part documentary series following three Manchester GPs tocuses on drug and alcohol addiction (1) 10.00 Dark Skies Off-beat American sci-fi

drama series (1) (5578) 11.00 Cheers Comedy set in a Boston Bar With Ted Danson and Kirstie Alley (r)

11.30 NBA Raw American basketbell action (74511)

12.00 Midnight Special Discussion series chaired by Vincent Hanna (25405) 1.30am Triumph of the Nerds (2/3) (r) (T)

2.30 Conflict of Wings (1954) with John Gregson. A comedy about a group of Norfolk villagers in conflict with the RAF. Oirected by John Eldnoge (953318)

4.05 The Grampian Sheepdog Trials (8/8) (f) (30057592) 4.35 From Belrut to Bosnia with Robert Fisk

(r) (T) (2548202) 5.30 Backdate (r) (T) (68399)

6.00am 5 News Early (7744240) 7.30 Havakazoo (2871998) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patro

8.30 Wideworld: State of the Union Former Presidents Nixon and Ford explain how the Vietnam War aflected America's foriegn policy (2498998)

9.00 Espresso Magazine show with Patti Colowell and Tony Kerner (5498849)

10.00 Exclusive (r) (6706998) 10.30 Attractions (r) (2401462) 11.00 Leeza (9638646)

11.50 Double Espresso (r) (45295191) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful The Prince catches up with Taylor. Ridge is about to start his wedding ceremony (T) (2492714) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9376530)

1.00 5 News Update (92306066) 1.05 Sunset Beach Annie holds Ben hostage at gunpoint (T) (6491240)

2.00 5's Company Music, comedy, competitions (5871545) 3.30 Joshua's Heart (1990) with Melissa

Gilbert, Tim Matheson and Lisa Eilbacher. A young woman ends her relationship with her architect boyfriend. but finds herself unable to let go of his young son. Directed by Michael Pressman (4386269)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14266375) 5.30 100 Per Cent Trivia quiz (1348733) 6.00 Whittle (T) (1345646)

6.30 Family Affairs Melanie and Claire tace up to the harsh realities of being out of work. Annie's early-morning discovery throws the Hart household into a panic (1)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz news (1246882) 7.30 Serengeti Safari Following a troupe of baboons in Botswana's Okovango swamp (T) (1325882)

8.00 Hot Property A family from Hampshire who intend to move to Norwich view three 8.30 5 News (1241337)



Lowe, Belushi and Moore (9pm)

9.00 About Last Night (1986) starring Demi Moore, Rob Lowe and James Belushi.
Romantic drama based on the play by David Mamet about a couple struggling to make an emotional commitment to each other. Directed by Edward Zwick (1859269) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Comedy and

chat (3448581) 11.40 We Know Where You Live Irreverent sketch show (2543004) 12.10am Live and Dangerous Live sports magazine including third-day coverage of

the Winter X Games (31021955) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6568405) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5446486)

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5.00am Morning Glory (4:7717) 9.00 Regis and Kathie Lee (96820) 10.00 Another And Karlus Lee (96820) 10.00 Another World (8228) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (4244) 12.00 The Oprah Winfrie Show (1882) 1.00pm Geraldo (27530) 2.00 Selly Jessy Rapitael (31820) 3.00 Jerny Jones (34356) 4.00 Oprah with the Stars (46191) 5.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (2917) 6.00 Real TV (8207) 6.30 Married — with Children (8559) 7.00 The Simpsons (3645) 7.30 Mra "S" H (6443) 8.00 Voyager (6843) 9.00 Potergess (86207) 10.00 Nash Bindges (58056) 11.00 Selina Scot (47820) 11.30 Star Trek. The Next Generation 11.30 Star Trek. The Next Generation (51917) 12.30em LAPO (66467) 1.00 His

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8.00am Martha and Ethel (1995) (94608) 8.00 The Ladies' Man (1961) (22172) 10.00 Sand Me No Flowers (1964) (33191) 12.00 The Wind and the Lion (1974) (12795) 2.00pm Two of a Kind (1983) (2144559) 3.25 Traß of Tears (1983) (45330288) 5.00 Summer Rental (1985) (85068) 7.00 A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Maless (1995) (52801) 9.00 ires (1995) (52801) 9.00 ik Redemotion (1994) The Shawahatik Redemption (1994) 656820851 11.25 Bad Girls (1994) (63 (559) 1.05am Friday (1995) (4888931) 2.35 Walk Proud (1979) (585931) 4.10 Send Me No Flowert (1964) (9) 1028)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00am The Man from Colorado (1948) (25578) 8.00 Richin Hood Junior (1975) (34545) 9.00 Up in the Air (1968) (896.30) 10.00 The Walls of Jericho (1948) (31733) 12.00 Silence of Adultery (1995) (10337) 2.00pm Another Michight Run (1994) (555733) 3.50 Robin Hood Junior (1975) (533882) 4.50 Up in the Air (1988) (103089) 5.50 Lightning Jack (1994) (61442714) 7.30 El Festure (1153) 8.00 The Citent (1984) (6269) 10.00 Mortal Kombet (1995) (52624) 11.45 Aurole to Danger (1995) (346714) 1.20em Johnny Be Good (1988) (555844) 1.20em Johnny Be Good (1988) (555844) 2.55 Pathy Hearst (1986) (226776) 4.40 Another Midnight Run (1994) (3704002)

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FOX KIDS NETWORK 6,00am Three Little Ghosts (1631511) 6.30

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TROUBLE 12.00 Heartbreak High (9755068) 1.00pm Medison (4921608) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (9650512) 2.00 Hangtime (3466066) 2.30 California Dreams (3061578) 3.00 Bytes Grove (3478801) 3.30 Blast (2033795) 4.00 Sweet Valley High (2015530) 4.30 Hangthre (201714) 5.00 Saved by the Bok (348)646) 5.30 California Dreams (202008) 6.00 Byker Grove (2052207) 6.30 Macteon (2053559) 7.00-8.00 Heartbreak High (9333004) BRAYO

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(3516405) 1.00am Fil.M: Nightwing (3508283) 3.00 Dark Shadows (1687757)

HOME & LEISURE 8.00em Joy of Peinting (6287068) 9.30 Gardeners Diary (2105789) 10.00 Great Gardening Plot (4069882) 10.30 Doing it Up (7517620) 11.00 Painted House (5819443) 11.30 This Old House (5810172) 12.00 Yan Can Cook (6382612) 12.30pm Graham Kerr (8505725) 1.00 Today's Gournet (4827882) 1.30 Home Again (9955366) 2.00 Hometime (3462240) 2.30 Furniture to Go (2034424) 3.00 Two's Country Cooking (3481375) 3.30-4.00 This Old House DISCOVERY

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Conservatives lose support among managers, says survey

AND PAUL DURMAN

THE Conservative share of the business vote at the general election may fall sharply, a new poll conducted for the Institute of Management suggests today.

A separate survey of investment managers suggests that the City holds no fears about a Labour government and believes the perform-

ance of the stock market is unlikely to be materially affected, whatever the outcome of the election.

The Institute of Management survey claims that about 49 per cent of UK managers, traditionally Tory voters, believe it is time for a change in government. The Conservatives have lost touch with the real needs of business, according to 47 per cent, while 48 per cent do not feel that a change of government

would damage their business. The institute represents more than 78,000 invidual managers and has 600 corporate members, covering about three million employees, and claims to be the largest broadly

based business body in Britain. In a survey last week of 350 managers, support for the Conservatives increased, up from 40 to 43 per cent, solely as a result of a decline in those undecided about voting.

Support among managers for Labour fell marginally, by a single percentage point, to 24 per cent.

The poll also suggests that business remains divided over some key Labour proposals. While 87 per cent of those sampled say employees should have the right to be members of trade unions, 55 per cent believe Labour's plans to provide for the statutory recognition of unions where a majority of the

workforce wants it would increase the likelihood of industrial action. Roger Young, director-general of the institute, said: "Managers seem

in the mood for change, and will swing behind the party that is most in tune with the business agenda." The latest monthly survey by Gallup for Merrill Lynch, the securities firm, suggests that most UK fund managers expect a Labour election victory to have little

impact on the investment returns available from the stock market.

Three out of five UK fund managers expect share price performance to be broadly the same over the next year if Labour wins, and 56 per cent take the same view over five years. However, 35 per cent of managers expect poorer five-year performance, while only 7 per cent

The Merrill Lynch survey also

found a sharp increase in the number of managers keen to invest their cash, taking advantage of the recent falls in world stock markets. Net investors outnumbered managers planning to raise cash by a balance of 21 per cent, the highest for 20 months. Fund managers believe interest rates will rise, whatever the outcome of the election.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

CBI fear for exports from higher rates

From Oliver August in hanover

ish Industry yesterday warned against higher interest rates, saying UK exporters would be severely affected by a further appreciation of the pound against European currencies.

With sterling now at a fiveyear high against the mark, Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, said: "We have already seen a shortfall of export orders while the domestic economy is growing quite rapidly. On balance, rates should be kept as they are at the moment.

Mr Turner's plea came as he addressed British manufacturers at the Hanover Trade Fair in Germany. It was in direct conflict with Friday's call by Tim Melville-Ross. Director-General of the Institute of Directors, for a prompt rise in interest rates to curb

inflationary pressure.

Mr Turner said: "The export side of the economy is still flat, and an interest rate rise would hurt British exporters." The clash between the leaders of Britain's two main

symptom of the turmoil in UK industry caused by the sharp recovery of the pound in recent months. Mr Melville-Ross said: "The economic imperatives now are for a certain amount of activity to be taken

out of the economy, either through an increase in interest rates or through a fiscal package of some kind - or

The pound is set to make further strides on the foreign exchange today when currency dealers resume the concerted buying that drove sterling above DM2.80 for the first time since its ejection from the European exchange-rate mechanism on Black Wednes-

day in September 1992.

Hectic foreign exchange trading is likely to be accompanied by volatility on the stock market as London reacts. to Friday's 148-point fall on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 saw a gain of almost 22 points wiped out as London dealers took fright over a bout of selling in New York and the market ended down 42.5 at 4,270.7. After London closed for the weekend New York

continued to fall. Yesterday Mr Turner appeared to concede that a rise in UK base rates was inevitable in the longer term but should be delayed as long as possible. advocated a fiscal tightening if domestic growth continued

Mr Turner's worries were echoed by David Marsh, the European strategy director at Flemings Investment Bank,

He said: "The pound is already overvalued, but I expect the mark to strengthen again. Investors will know by the end of this year whether monetary union will go ahead. Either way, the mark will appreciate."

Mr Turner heard first-hand accounts of the worries of British exporters in Germany, when he joined leading UK industrialists at a dinner with Chancellor Helmut Kohl at the trade fair. Exporters exhibiting in Hanover, including British Aerospace, GEC, BP and Rolls-Royce, have all been hurt by the appreciation of

sterling.

Britain is this year cosponsoring the 50th anniversary Hanover Trade Fair, the world's biggest industrial fair. Also attending the opening as a special guest was the Duke of Edinburgh, who told industrialists not to forget the environment when developing industrial advances. Speaking at the opening ceremony, Chancellor Kohl

said he was confident about the strength of the German economy and claimed the goal ployment by the year 2000 remains attainable. Herr Kohl said: "The economic perspectives in spring 1997 are positive; the economic climate is

warming up."
While the number of jobless in Germany fell in March, compared to the previous month, Herr Kohl noted the number — 4.5 million — was still unacceptably high", and improving conditions for job creation remains a priority.



Boxing clever: Dawna Walters, pictured above, founder of The Holding Company, the retailer of compact disc racks, shelving and cupboards in Kings Road, Chelsea, is seeking to raise £850,000 for expansion and shop openings through a share placing on the Ofex matched bargain market

investigate £100m scam

By Jon Ashworth

THE Serious Fraud Office (SFO) has an investigation into a £100 million

Insurers in London and America were among the victims of Dai Ichi Kyoto, a Brussels-based company that collapsed in late 1995. The company was supposedly controlled from Japan, and may have traded off the reputation of Dai-Ichi Kangyo, the Japanese bank, with which it had no connection.

The SFO routinely shares information and resources with overseas agencies. A spokesman confirmed yesterday that the SFO was assisting

> The lunding of external regulation - possibly through a

> levy on the market - is a key

Directors and senior man-

agers of Lloyd's underwriting

agencies have been obliged to

seek individual registration.

under a bylaw passed in April 1996. About 3,300 have been

registered, with a further 150

still to go. The requirement

could be extended to take in

up to 6.000 Lloyd's brokers.

Lloyd's is stepping up the number of inspections, using

market professionals on sec-ondment. About 40 under-

writing agents and 80 syndicates will be visited this year.

Goals for this year include

faster conduct of inves-

tigations, an expansion of

disciplinary and enforcement

activity, and stricter surveil-

lance of the Lloyd's capacity

Hardcastle: streamlining

auction process.

issue yet to be decided.

the Belgian authorities, but said there was no separate UK inquiry. Dai Ichi Kyoto had offices in Brussels, but did

Police are eager to interview Steven Baker, an Irishman who posed as Dai Ichi's European liaison officer. The company claimed to be controlled from Tokyo by an entity known as the Umeda Foundation, but it is suspected that Mr Baker was controlling it. Money was drawn in through a network of front companies, lured by generous commissions and low premiums, and carried off in suitcases.

It is thought that £16 million was transferred from Dai Ichi accounts in London between 1992 and 1995.

SFO helps Belgians to | Aviation authority faces pressure on BAA pricing

THE Civil Aviation Authority is likely its controversial pricing formula for BAA because of the delay to the expected opening date of the £1.5 billion fifth terminal at Heathrow. The prospect of a two to three-year slippage in the programme is creating alarm and confusion in the City and a drastic shift in BAA's expenditure plans might prompt demands for a review

The CAA's pricing formula for landing charges at Heathrow assumed Terminal 5 would open in 2002 and would temporarily depress BAA's returns, as interest previously capitalised

during construction began to hit the profit and loss account. Initially, Terminal 5 will steal traffic from its new assets will depress profits. The CAA chose to smooth the pricing formula allowing BAA a relatively high return over the five years from 1997, based on a pricing formula of RPI-3. Pushing Terminal 5 to 2005 makes the formula look even more lenient.

BAA believes delays in the planning inquiry imply a two-year slippage, with the terminal operating in 2004. The construction industry fears that a possible application for a judicial review and the inevitable design changes could add up to almost five years.

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Lloyd's ready to tighten up monitoring

By Jon Ashworth ies and Investments Board.

LLOYD'S of Landon is set to introduce electronic monitoring of transactions, as part of a wider drive to clean up the insurance market.

The move which would bring Lloyd's in line with the Stock Exchange, is aimed at spotting concentrations of high-risk or inconsistent underwriting. Carelessly written business contributed to the problems that fuelled losses of ER billion at Lloyd's and nearly caused the market's

collapse. Lloyd's currently samples a random batch of 100 transaction slips a day by hand. The idea is to use computer soft-ware to look for patterns in the thousands of transactions that pass through Lime Street daily. A prototype system is likely

to be in place by the summer. Lloyd's is reviewing all aspects of regulation in a drive to improve standards. A report is due next month. Sir Alan Hardcastle, chairman of the Lloyd's Regulatory Board, is cager to streamline the Lloyd's rulebook, working with David Gittings, director of regulation, and Noel Lawson, head

of regulatory proceedings. Lloyd's is required to meet solvency standards set by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), but is otherwise unique in having no external regulator. This is due to he reviewed after the election.

whoever comes to power.

One option would see the DTI remain responsible for regulation on behalf of policyholders, with investor protection falling under the Securit-

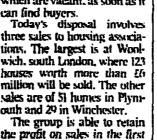
Annington sells MoD homes for £10m

By JASON NISSE

ANNINGTON HOMES, the Japanese-backed group that bought the Ministry of Defence married quarters for £1.66 billion, will today announce the sale of 203 of the homes for around £10 million.

The disposal brings to 330 the total number of homes sold, making up nearly 15 per cent of the so-called "surplus estate" that formed part of the privatisation. The deal with the MoD was completed in October and allows Annington, which was put together by Nomura, the Japanese securities house, to sell the surplus houses, most of which are vacant, as soon as it

the profit on sales in the first two years before it moves to a profit-sharing agreement with the MoD in which Annington has to give up half the surplus. Service families occupy 55,000 homes now owned by Annington, and the MoD pays an annual rent of £107 million for the estate. The MoD is also committed to paying for a large part of the upkeep of homes owned by Annington. Annington won the battle for the estate against competition from ING Barings, the led by John Beckwith, the



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